



The
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FAMILY AFFAIRS

speakers & programs addressing domestic violence, child abuse, and other family issues



GEOFFREY CANADA

Profiled on *60 Minutes*, Canada is President and CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone, an agency that aims to improve the futures of inner-city youth, and the author of *Reaching Up for Manhood: Transforming the Lives of Boys in America*. Recently, President Obama launched an initiative to create "Promise Neighborhoods" around the country to combat poverty, modeling them on Canada's innovative work.



PATTY DUKE

An Oscar winner for her role in *The Miracle Worker*, Duke stunned the world when she shared her story of living with bipolar disorder in her best-selling book, *A Brilliant Madness*. A compelling account of hope and triumph over hardship, Duke reveals her desperate struggle to survive childhood poverty, followed by the abuse and addiction she battled while at the heights of success.



CLAIRE & MIA FONTAINE

When honor student Mia Fontaine ran away and descended into society's underbelly, her mother Claire took desperate measures to bring her back. Chronicling their remarkable tale in their best-selling memoir, *Come Back*, mother and daughter reveal their story of healing, love, and transformation with unsparring honesty and humor.



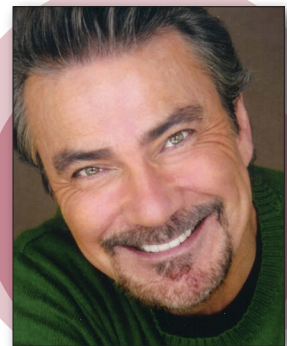
GLEENDA HATCHETT

The former Chief Presiding Judge of the Fulton County Juvenile Court in Atlanta and former host of the successful court television series *Judge Hatchett*, Hatchett continues to reach beyond the courtroom to help youth and families. She is the author of *Say What You Mean and Mean What You Say! 7 Simple Strategies to Help Our Children Along the Path to Purpose and Possibility*.



VICTORIA ROWELL

An Emmy-nominated actress and the recipient of seven NAACP awards, Rowell has never forgotten her life as a foster child and those who mentored her. A passionate voice for children, she founded the Rowell Foster Children's Positive Plan, and shares her courageous life story in her best-selling memoir, *The Women Who Raised Me*.



VICTOR RIVAS RIVERS

Cuban-born Rivers endured horrific child abuse and witnessed domestic violence at the hands of his father, which he chronicled in his *New York Times* best-selling memoir, *A Private Family Matter*. An actor, athlete, and advocate, Rivers is the national spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence.



BRENDA COMBS

Not long ago Combs was a homeless crack addict and criminal who had been shot, beaten, and raped. Now a single mother pursuing a doctorate in organizational leadership, she motivates others with her amazing story of perseverance and rediscovery.



REGINA LOUISE

As an orphan who was caught in the foster care system, Louise shares her story of overcoming incredible hardship in her best-selling memoir, *Somebody's Someone*. She offers hope, inspiration, and understanding to those navigating foster care and adoption.



JAMES GARBARINO

A national expert on the roots of youth violence and the author of *Children and the Dark Side of Human Experience*, Dr. Garbarino emphasizes rethinking the concepts of development, trauma, and resilience to succeed in making a lasting, positive change in the lives of children.



MELISSA MOORE

The author of *Shattered Silence*, Moore is the daughter of Keith Hunter Jespersen, a man infamously known as the “Happy Face Serial Killer.” She shares a dynamic message of having the courage to shine through adversity and the unlimited power of choice in our lives.



CHRIS HANSEN

Known for his hidden camera investigations on *To Catch a Predator*, Hansen exposes adults who target children over the Internet. He probes the issue further in his book *To Catch a Predator: Protecting Your Kids from Online Enemies Already in Your Home*.



MILDRED MUHAMMAD

The former wife of John Allen Muhammad, the now executed “DC sniper,” Mildred is a domestic violence survivor who escaped her former husband’s several attempts to kill her before and after their divorce. She speaks openly about her experience and how it affected her three children.



ROBIN KARR-MORSE

The director of The Parenting Institute Karr-Morse is co-author of *Ghosts from the Nursery: Tracing the Roots of Violence*. In her book, she presents compelling evidence that violent behavior in children is linked to abuse and neglect that occurs in the first three years of life.



STEVE PEMBERTON

Taken from his mother at the age of three, Pemberton was placed with a foster family that subjected him to constant abuse. Now the chief diversity officer of Walgreens, he has been recognized by *Fortune* as a leader in corporate America. He reminds audiences that a new beginning can start at any time, no matter your past.



JACKSON KATZ

An educator, author, and filmmaker, Katz is internationally recognized for his groundbreaking work in the field of violence prevention education with men and boys, particularly in sports and the military.



ALVIN POUSSAINT

Dr. Poussaint is a Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and an expert on the African American family. He worked closely with Bill Cosby as an advisor on *The Cosby Show* and as co-author of *Come On, People! On the Path from Victims to Victors*.



LINDA ARMSTRONG KELLY

The mother of Lance Armstrong and author of *No Mountain High Enough*, Kelly shares the obstacles she overcame as a teenage mother living in poverty. A truly inspirational force, she speaks to what parents can do to support and challenge their children.



DR. KYLE PRUETT

A respected expert on child and family development, Dr. Pruett looks deep into the hearts and minds of children. He authored *Partnership Parenting: How Men and Women Parent Differently—Why It Helps Your Kids and Can Strengthen Your Marriage*.



JANINE LATUS

A woman of incredible strength, Latus wrote *If I Am Missing or Dead*, a journey of discovery to the roots of the victimization of herself and her sister. A call to break the cycle of abuse, it is a deeply felt love letter to her murdered sister.



DAWN SCHILLER

Schiller was only 15 when she began a sexual relationship with 32-year-old porn star John Holmes, later associated with the 1981 Wonderland murders. Now a national advocate for preventing teen victimization, she shares her story in *The Road Through Wonderland*.