



January 24, 2011

Contact: Leah Gurowitz or Tom Feeny  
202/ 879-1700

**\*\*PRESS ADVISORY\*\***

## **COURT TO HOLD 4<sup>th</sup> FATHERING COURT GRADUATION**

PROGRAM AIMS TO HELP FATHERS RE-ENTERING THE COMMUNITY AFTER INCARCERATION TO RECONNECT WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND PAY CHILD SUPPORT

**WHAT:        Fathering Court Graduation**

**WHERE:       Jurors' Lounge, Moultrie Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
500 Indiana Avenue, NW**

**WHEN:        Friday, January 27 – 11:00am**

**WHO:         Superior Court Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield  
Family Court Presiding Judge Zoe Bush  
Fathering Court Judge Milton Lee**

The Fathering Court Program helps fathers support and connect to their families. The Fathering Court was created in response to studies that found that ***one in four adults returning to the community in DC owes court-ordered child support.*** This program works to help fathers reconnect with their children, not just financially, but emotionally.

The Fathering Court combines needs-assessment, skill development opportunities, case management, peer support, completion of a mandatory curriculum and putting non-custodial parents in contact with community resources -- with an emphasis on employment -- to give those returning from prison the ability to meet the needs of their children. Other Fathering Court services include housing assistance and referrals, substance abuse treatment and counseling, mediation services, referrals for legal assistance and any other assistance necessary.

For more information, see [http://www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/family/fathering\\_court.jsp](http://www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/family/fathering_court.jsp)

*Note: Cameras and recorders will be allowed into the courthouse for this event.*

###



**Judge Milton Lee celebrates with a graduate of the 2011 Fathering Court class.**