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PRESS ADVISORY

SUPERIOR COURT TO HOST FORUM ON FATHERING INITIATIVE -- FAMILY COURT PRESENTS VISION FOR NEW APPROACH TO CHILD SUPPORT --

The D.C. Superior Court will host a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 to discuss the establishment of a Fathering Court. The goal of this initiative is to help the thousands of D.C. children who grow up without meaningful contact or guidance from at least one parent. The Fathering Court would provide these parents, especially those who have recently been incarcerated, with the tools to become emotionally and financially responsible for their children. Based on the success of the Drug Court and the Family Treatment Court, the proposed Fathering Court will combine needs-assessment, case management, and community resources (with an emphasis on employment) to give non-custodial parents the ability to meet the needs of their children.

WHAT: FATHERING INITIATIVE TOWN HALL MEETING

WHERE: 3rd Floor Jury Lounge

WHEN: Tuesday, December 5, 2006
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WHO: Family Court Presiding Judge Anita Josey-Herring
Fathering Court Planning Committee

--MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND--

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