



## PRESS ADVISORY



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### **FAMILY COURT AND D.C. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ANNOUNCE LAUNCH OF NEW FATHERING COURT**

-- NEW INITIATIVE TO HELP FATHERS RETURNING FROM INCARCERATION --

With one in four D.C. prisoners owing court-ordered child support, the D.C. Family Court and the Office of Attorney General are partnering to launch a new Fathering Court. On Tuesday at 10:30 am, Judge Anita Josey-Herring, Presiding Judge of the D.C. Superior Court's Family Court, D.C. Attorney General Linda Singer, and Magistrate Judge Milton Lee will hold a press conference to unveil the new Fathering Court program. 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 will provide parents, with an initial focus on those who have recently been incarcerated, with the tools to become emotionally and financially responsible for their children. The 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 COURT PRESS CONFERENCE**

**WHERE:** Family Court entrance to Moultrie Courthouse  
(The courthouse is at 500 Indiana Avenue. The Family Court entrance is on the east side of the courthouse, facing MPD.)

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 30, 2007 – 10:30 am

**WHO:** Family Court Presiding Judge Anita Josey-Herring  
D.C. Attorney General Linda Singer  
Magistrate Judge Milton Lee, who will preside over the Family Court cases

*Press note: Cameras and recorders are not permitted in the courthouse, but may be brought to this outside location.*

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