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1. GENERALISTS – ABLE TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW ON HEALTHY MARRIAGE STRENGTHENING RESOURCES AND INFORMATION:

A. Academics

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David Blankenhorn is founder and president of the Institute for American Values, a private, nonpartisan organization devoted to contributing intellectually to the renewal of marriage and family life and the sources of competence, character, and citizenship in the United States. Mary Ann Glendon of Harvard Law School states: "No one writes about the crisis in American family life with more candor, intelligence, and sympathetic understanding than David Blankenhorn." Norval Glenn of the University of Texas calls Blankenhorn's 1995 book, *Fatherless America*, "one of the most important and provocative books of this decade. Blankenhorn has co-edited five books including: *Rebuilding the Nest: A New Commitment to the American Family* (1990); *Promises to Keep: Decline and Renewal of Marriage in America* (1996); and *The Fatherhood Movement* (1999).

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David Caprara is President of the American Family Coalition and founder and president of The Empowerment Network, a national public policy organization promoting faith-based remedies to family and community issues. During the former Bush administration, he served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary at HUD, coordinating and supporting grassroots empowerment and family self-sufficiency programs. Mr. Caprara served as policy director and helped to craft a 12-city fatherhood and marriage promotion demonstration with the Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization. He also served as director of policy at the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, where he coordinated demonstration projects on youth and family empowerment. Mr. Caprara is a current member of the Virginia General Assembly Task Force on Faith-Based Community Service Groups and a licensed facilitator of the 7 Habits for Highly Effective Families program.

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Bill Coffin, a marriage educator since 1977, is the Marriage Education Specialist at ACF. He has worked with organizations, churches, and couples. Mr. Coffin was an early adopter of the Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) and trains both couples and leaders in the military and communities. He served as the Coordinator of Marriage Preparation for the Archdiocese of Washington and is now a Consultant to the U.S. Bishops Committee on Marriage and Family Life. Mr. Coffin co-authored a book chapter on Preventive Interventions for Couples. He has also presented testimony in support of the successful Maryland marriage legislation, and presents at conferences and roundtables on marriage strengthening initiatives. Mr. Coffin has been married for thirty-three years with four children and two granddaughters.

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Frank Pittman's, *Man Enough: Fathers, Sons and the Search for Masculinity* (Putnam, 1993) and *Grow Up! How Taking Responsibility Can Make You a Happy Adult* (St Martin's Press, 1998) led Wade Horn to remark that perhaps he might best spend his time standing on street corners handing out copies of Pittman's books. Pittman presents highly acclaimed workshops and keynotes on topics like "Infidelity, Marriage and Commitment," "How to be Grown, Happy and Married All At the Same Time." "Teaching Men Marriage", and "Men and Masculinity".

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Helen Brown, Judge in the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan's Family Division, is working in collaboration with Judge Jim Sheridan on the Michigan Marriage Mediation Project, a seven-county coalition of academics, trial judges, activists and mediators focused on reducing conflict and litigation surrounding divorce using a new mediation model. Judge Brown also founded the Coalition for Family Preservation, a community-based organization that seeks to reduce the divorce rates and stabilize families through the collaboration of religious, mental health, legal and business communities. Among other projects, the coalition recently sponsored the Metropolitan Detroit Community Marriage and Family Covenant and is supporting training of clergy in premarital inventories and in couple mentorship. Formerly a judge of the Detroit's Recorder's Court, she has her law degree from Wayne State University Law School and a BA in anthropology from WSU. Judge Brown is trustee of Plymouth United Church of Christ and the mother of two.

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James Sheridan, a District Court Judge since 1979 and Chief Judge of the 2A Judicial District Court of Michigan, is the Michigan State Chair of Marriage Savers. In 1996, Judge Sheridan started a local group, Marriages That Work, and went on to create the first Community Marriage Policy that includes civil officials who perform marriages. He is also the author of a "Handbook For Establishing A Community Marriage Policy". Judge Sheridan's most recent initiative, the Michigan Marriage Mediation Project, is a seven-county coalition of academics, trial judges, activists and mediators focused on reducing conflict and litigation surrounding divorce using a new mediation. He also helped make PREP courses available locally, helped introduce Connections to high school teachers in several school districts, led marriage enrichment retreats for couples, produced a video tape series, "Sex and Romance in the Biblical Marriage", introduced a fatherhood program for men on probation, and serves on state and national panels studying the impact of marriage. Judge Sheridan is an energetic presenter who has lectured widely on marriage, divorce, fatherhood and the process of establishing community marriage policies.

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As the senior pastor of Holy Temple Baptist Church since 1998, Rev. George Young has spent more than ten years in religious ministry, serving congregations and hospitals in Oklahoma City. He has also sat on the boards of various community organizations including the State of Oklahoma African American Clergy Group on HIV/AIDS Awareness and the United Way of Oklahoma City. Most recently, he has been trained in the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) sponsored by the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative. He is now training members of his congregation as well as a local public housing project and has embraced the healthy marriage initiative as the new focus of his congregation's pastoral activities.

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4. STATE INITIATIVES AND LEGISLATION

Rep. Mark Anderson

Member of Arizona House of Representatives

Elected in 1994 to the Arizona House of Representatives, and current Chair of the AZ Human Services Committee, Representative Anderson has been a leader in the effort to promote and strengthen marriage. He sponsored the nation's first marriage and communication skills, as well as, legislation for a \$2 million dollars for abstinence-only education, which won Arizona federal money for reducing out-of-wedlock births. Rep. Anderson has consistently sponsored and supported pro-marriage and anti-pornography legislation, including Arizona's covenant marriage bill; welfare reform legislation; programs to encourage churches to assist in foster-child placements in their communities; tax credits for donors to private, non-profit groups helping low-income citizens; and a million dollar appropriation for a counseling and mentoring program for young fathers. Rep. Anderson has testified for the U.S. Congress, appears regularly at conferences, panels, think tanks and in the media on marriage and family strengthening issues. He owns a travel and marketing business, is married and has three children.

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Chair, Utah Governor's Commission on Marriage

Brent Barlow is chair of the Utah Governor's Commission on Marriage. He has taught marriage and family courses at three major universities and currently teaches in the Marriage, Family and Human Development Program in the School of Family Life at Brigham Young University. One of his new classes at BYU is Community Education in Marriage and Family. Dr. Barlow has written six books on marriage, and is the founder and sponsor of the new "Marriage Week USA" initiative to be launched in February, 2002. He and his wife, Susan, have been married 35 years and have 7 children and 7 grandchildren.

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Sen. Mark Boitano
State Senator, New Mexico

Senator Mark Boitano served as the lead organizer of the New Mexico Governor's Summit on Marriage and Parenting and has provided leadership in developing a multi-sector initiative on marriage strengthening, divorce reform, and effective parenting. Sen. Boitano won his seat in the New Mexico Senate in 1996 by running on a platform of strengthening families and reforming public education. He has introduced, and won bipartisan support for legislation making pre-marital training a requirement for receiving a marriage license. Sen. Boitano has also introduced measures to reform unilateral no-fault divorce and give tax credits to families with a stay-at-home spouse. He owns a real estate business and he and his wife, Cory, have four children, aged 6-12.

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Rep. Doug Hart
State Representative

Representative Doug Hart serves in the Michigan House of Representatives as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Children and Families for the Michigan Independence Agency. Rep. Hart is cosponsor of marriage education introduced in 2001 and co-authored successful state appropriations amendments for \$1.25 million to support responsible fatherhood and marriage community programs. He serves on the TANF Reauthorization Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators and also sponsored legislation establishing a state faith-based and community initiatives liaison.

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Rep. Evelyn Lynn, EdD
State Representative, Florida

Representative Evelyn Lynn, a co-sponsor of the landmark Florida Marriage Preparation and Preservation Act of 1998, will lead the effort to revisit and strengthen the legislation in the 2002 session. As an educator with long Education Committee tenure, she is an eloquent spokesperson for Florida's continued leadership in school-based marriage education legislation. Rep. Lynn is a leader in the Fatherhood movement, serving on the Florida Governor's Commission on Fatherhood, and was instrumental in developing the Commission's 2001 Call to Action, which presents specific guidelines for strengthening and supporting marriages in the state. Rep. Lynn is also a member of National Council of State Legislators committees focused on marriage and family policy and legislation.

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Mary Myrick is President of Public Strategies, the firm that serves as the Project Manager for the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative (OMI), the public-private partnership dedicated to strengthening marriages and reducing the state's divorce rate by one-third by the year 2010. OMI is widely recognized as the country's first statewide, comprehensive model for changing a state's divorce culture and creating/providing services to reflect a broad-based commitment to family formation and marriage. Under Myrick's leadership the OMI has recruited a distinguished Research Advisory Board of state and national experts on marriage, divorce, and low-income families; developed and implemented the first comprehensive statewide survey to assess marriage/divorce values and demographics; is implementing a multi-sector strategy, collaborating with multiple state agencies, service providers, educators, religious institutions, businesses, and the media; and has launched a statewide skills-based Marriage and Relationship Education Service Delivery System, utilizing the researched-based PREP program as its core curriculum. Mary Myrick speaks nationally about the model and her state's commitment to providing effective programs and services as a compliment to sound public policy and has provided hours of technical assistance to states and communities committed to implementing their own marriage initiatives.

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5. ABSTINENCE EDUCATION:

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Co-Founder of Teen-Aid, a comprehensive abstinence education program, Ms. Benn serves as a consultant to parents and educators on effective ways to implement abstinence education in the schools. Founder of the National Association of Abstinence Educators, Ms. Benn is also a federal grant reader and has consulted on Title XX for the federal government. Further, Ms. Benn has edited materials for junior high and high school students on human sexuality as well as AIDS education curricula.

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Elayne Bennett, MEd

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Elayne Bennett is the founder of the Best Friends Foundation, a youth development program for adolescent girls, grades 5 through 12. As a teacher who had studied child development and who had supervised and trained teachers, she thought that girls could benefit from the experience and guidance of older, more responsible women. Best Friends has helped thousands of girls to postpone sexual activity and reject drug use. First introduced in DC schools, the program is now in schools across 12 states and in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since 1988, Ms. Bennett has been a faculty member of the Georgetown University Child Development Center. In addition, she is a spokesperson on issues of adolescent behavior and teenage pregnancy and has appeared in the media on shows including ABC's "Nightline" and CNN's "Both Sides with Jesse Jackson."

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Mary Beth Bonacci
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An internationally known speaker, Mary Beth Bonacci has spoken at the Denver World Youth Day, has conducted frequent interviews, and has even appeared on MTV. In addition to being the author of two books on abstinence and chastity, Ms. Bonacci has developed a video series called Real Love. Her video, *Sex and Love: What's a Teenager to Do?* was awarded the 1996 Crown Award for Best Youth Curriculum.

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Co-founder and powerful presenter of Passion4Purity, Cindy Collins is committed to helping youth decide to abstain from sex until they find true love. She has worked with young adults for over 15 years. In order to spread her message, she has made appearances on the 700 Club and other television programs. She has also spoken before the Louisiana State Legislature along with being on the local public school Sex Education Committee.

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Wait on Love, Jeffrey Dean's most popular message has captivated youth in both public and private schools, churches, camps, conferences, detention centers, and inner-city rally events. His message focuses on love, self-respect, self-worth, value, and life. He uses humor and personal stories to encourage children in both their careers and inter-personal relationships.

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LaKita Garth is an inspirational singer who has used her fame to promote abstinence among young people. She has testified before the U.S. Surgeon General and the U.S. Senate concerning the prevention of teen pregnancy. Ms. Garth has spoken to teenagers about AIDS and has appeared on commercials and television shows, including MTV's *Sex in the 90's* and *Politically Incorrect*.

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WAIT Training is a character, relationship, marriage and sexuality curriculum that teaches teens how to have the best sex, by waiting until marriage. Developed in 1992, WAIT training is high energy, fun interactive and overwhelmingly positive. Over 2500 teachers are trained and certified to teach the (up to 35) 55 minute lessons. WAIT Training Is taught in 38 states in nonsectarian school and community settings and can be adapted for use in the faith community. The Abstinence and Relationship Training Center (ARTC) also provides community-based public policy workshops entitled "Why Wait Now?" which outlines the reasons and the research in regard to abstinence, sexuality, character, relationship and marriage education. The ARTC provides speakers for school assemblies, parent workshops and community events.

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While currently majoring in pastoral studies at Nyack College, Richie Ramos is an author and an inspirational speaker. With his real life stories and humor, he can easily relate to any audience. Some of his most popular presentations are titled *What is Love?, To Date or Not To Date?*, and *Single, Satisfied and Sex Free*. Along with his many talents, Mr. Ramos is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.

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6. HEALTHY MARRIAGE INVENTORIES:

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7. DIVORCE REFORM AND DIVORCE EDUCATION:**Hon. Helen Brown, JD**
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Helen Brown, Judge in the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan's Family Division, is working in collaboration with Judge Jim Sheridan on the Michigan Marriage Mediation Project. Judge Brown also founded the Coalition for Family Preservation, a community-based organization that seeks to reduce the divorce rate and stabilize families through the collaboration of religious, mental health, legal and business communities. Among other projects, the coalition recently sponsored the Metropolitan Detroit Community Marriage and Family Covenant and is supporting training of clergy in premarital inventories and in couple mentorship. Formerly a judge of the Detroit's Recorder's Court, she has her law degree from Wayne State University Law School and a BA in anthropology from WSU. She is trustee of Plymouth United Church of Christ and the mother of two.

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8. SCHOOL/YOUTH PROGRAMS:

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9. FATHERHOOD:

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Richard Albertson is President of Live the Life Ministries which is building an interdenominational Christian Life Center in Tallahassee, Florida to train, encourage, and equip individuals and organizations that want to save marriages and strengthen families. As the Chairman of Florida Marriage Savers, Mr. Albertson led the effort in 1999 to adopt the Tallahassee Community Marriage Policy. Mr. Albertson trains churches in how to develop a comprehensive marriage-saving strategy including programs like FOCCUS premarital preparation, Marriage Ministry, Reconciling God's Way, Choose Wisely Before You Divorce, 10 Great Dates, Marriage on the Rock, and Fresh Start Divorce Care. Governor Jeb Bush appointed him Chairman of the Florida Commission on Responsible Fatherhood where he has been working to integrate marriage into fatherhood programs. Under his leadership, the Florida Fatherhood Commission became the first in the nation to propose a statewide policy on marriage and to sponsor marriage legislation.

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Rev. Rozario Slack has worked with families since 1980 as a mental health professional, trainer, counselor, and speaker in programs designed specifically for the empowerment of disenfranchised persons. He consults with a variety of community and faith-based organizations helping them to develop innovative approaches to engage "hard-to-reach" fathers and families. His long-term work with youth was enhanced when he became a trainer for the 10 Rites of Passage Program. Currently, he is the Director of Fathering and Urban Initiatives at First Things First where he works towards the goal of connecting fathers with their children and connecting husbands with their wives.

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A national expert on how to create a successful local fatherhood movement, Mr. Valentin is the founder of the Lancaster Fatherhood Initiative. He provides training for the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania in the area of case management. Mr. Valentin is also a certified “Results Oriented Management and Accountability” trainer.

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Roland Warren, MBA
President, National Fatherhood Initiative

Roland Warren is the President of the National Fatherhood Initiative, a national clearinghouse and training organization for fatherhood programs. Before joining NFI, Mr. Warren worked as a financial consultant for Goldman, Sachs and Co. in Philadelphia. He has also served as an Associate Director of Development at Princeton University and in management positions for both IBM and Pepsi. Mr. Roland and his wife Yvette live near Philadelphia and have two sons.

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10. FAITH-BASED:

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Humorist and Public Speaker

In addition to being a humorist and public speaker who believes in marriage and parenting, Wayne Ates is an educator who taught in the Georgia public schools and at the college level for fourteen years. In his work as a professional motivational speaker, Ates always comments on the crucial role of the family in society. A committed and involved husband and father, Ates believes that you must approach marriage and parenting with a sense of intelligent enthusiasm and healthy humor. A graduate of Brewton-Parker College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Ates has spoken before a variety of civic, professional, educational, business, religious, and government groups throughout North America.

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Catholic Social Services of Bloomington, Indiana

The Catholic Social Services is a full-time outreach program, which employs a full-time director/therapist, two part-time mental health counselors, and an administrative assistant. Their programs are helpful to couples, families and individuals. One program titled Families Working Together has the purpose of increasing the accessibility of services to fathers, increasing child/father involvement, supporting and reducing the negative impact of divorce on children, and providing opportunities for parents to negotiate over visitation, etc. They also provide counseling services that help couples cope with divorce. Lastly, they have *Fatherhood Seminars* that addresses the father/child relationship.

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Pastor Harvey Clemons, Jr.
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The Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation (CRC) is an organization that started out as a grassroots process focused on how to grow healthy communities. This organization is striving to rebuild healthy communities in areas surrounding Houston, Texas where 62% of the population are below the poverty line. They are doing this by trying to provide opportunities to young and minority contractors while establishing new commercial and industrial jobs. In addition, they are assisting people within the communities with affordable housing through loans and low-cost apartments.

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Mike Doyle is the Executive Director of the Cornerstone Assistance Network. In 1992, Cornerstone began helping the Adopt-A-Family Partnership program by helping people meet their emotional and physical needs. Cornerstone has acquired various properties for lower-income families. Along with providing housing, they provide vocational training programs, GED or ESL classes, job training and counseling, money management classes, parent training, and many other programs.

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Dianna serves as principal consultant for the Illiana Coalition for Family and Community Restoration. The interdenominational coalition provides training and technical assistance to faith-based organizations working in the areas of family formation and community renewal. Dianna developed the Titus 2 to 4 Coffee Clutch, a peer support group targeting low income women who are considering marriage. Mrs. McLoud also works closely with the Coalition's programs for premarital education and marriage enrichment. The coalition provides culturally sensitive marriage education, enrichment, and stabilization programs targeted at urban communities of color. A graduate of Purdue University and Indiana University, Mrs. McLoud is an active member of Community of Faith, Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. She is married to William McLoud, Jr. and has three children.

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Rev. Fauntroy began his ministry in 1959 as pastor of his childhood church, New Bethel Baptist Church. A graduate of Virginia Union University and Yale Divinity, he also represented the Nation's Capital in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1971 to 1990. Founder of the National Black Leadership Roundtable, Rev. Fauntroy has launched the leaders of more than 200 national African American organizations on a program for the spiritual, political, and economic empowerment of their congregations.

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New Focus National is an organization that is committed to training other organizations on community involvement. They host three-day training sessions for people from churches/organizations to explain the skills of outreach in the community. Skills include how to motivate volunteers, gaining finance skills, learning how to care deeply for other group members, and how to celebrate the accomplishments of everyone.

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Dr. Virgil Gulker - NEW
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Dr. Virgil Gulker is a twenty-three year veteran of church volunteer services motivated by a single passion—to engage church volunteers in the lives of at-risk children and families. Prior to his involvement with KIDS HOPE USA, he founded Love Inc. (1978), now part of World Vision, which has mobilized over 50,000 church volunteers in four countries; Love Our Kids (1990) provided mentors for inner-city children; and Love For Children (1991), funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, linked church volunteers with Head Start children and families. He also administered the first college education program in the United States to award academic degrees to inmate students in a maximum security prison. Dr. Gulker has written numerous articles and books on volunteerism. Dr. Gulker is married with two daughters.

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Hyepin Im is the Founder and President of Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD) whose mission is to help more than 3300 Korean American congregations build capacity for economic development work. Recently, KCCS organized a conference with the White House which brought together a national delegation of Asian American faith leaders to learn about faith-based economic development. Under Ms. Im's leadership, KCCD has implemented an ongoing weekly radio program, a national database and research study on Korean American churches as well as ongoing training programs. Ms. Im is a frequently invited speaker at conferences sponsored by such groups as the Christian Community Development Association, National Council of Korean Southern Baptist Churches, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Asian Americans for Equality, and the Southern California Conference of AME Churches. She is currently pursuing her Master of Divinity at Wesley Theological Seminary.

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A Public Sector Services Consultant, Ms. Koehler has assisted the State of Indiana in the implementation of ***FaithWorks Indiana***. This program offers technical assistance to faith-based and community-based organizations across the state through workshops, a toll-free line, a web-site, and on-site assistance. It seeks to educate potential provider organizations about public and private funding opportunities for social service delivery. Organizations are informed of the rights and responsibilities of participants and faith-based organizations under Charitable Choice. Ms. Koehler has also held several positions with the Indiana State Government. She holds degrees from Indiana University and the University of Michigan.

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Stephen Lazarus serves as Senior Policy Associate for the Center for Public Justice where he tracks the implementation and impact of the Charitable Choice provision of the 1996 welfare reform law. His research interests include the role of faith-based organizations in the delivery of social services.

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Skip Long -- NEW
National Jobs Partnership

Skip Long is the Executive Director of the National Jobs Partnership (NJP), a national organization whose mission which establishes collaborations between churches and businesses working together to mentor, train, and employ individuals. Since the Jobs Partnership's inception, 92% of those who have participated in the program in Raleigh, North Carolina are still working today. Because of these results and the unique collaboration of the faith and business communities, the Jobs Partnership model has spread quickly throughout the country to 26 other cities across the country including Washington, D.C., Little Rock, Cleveland, and Milwaukee. Under Mr. Long's leadership, NJP has achieved an 83 percent job retention rate through its network of 27 established Jobs Partnership sites. Mr. Long is currently an Associate Minister at Raleigh Mennonite Church in Raleigh. He and his wife, Andrea, have two children. He is a graduate of Shorter College in Rome, Georgia.

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Rev. Richard Marks, PhD
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Richard Marks is a pastor, counselor, and marriage therapist who has worked in the mental health field for over 20 years. He currently serves as the Director of the Center for Family Ministry at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida where he implemented an innovative "continuum of care" program. Under his leadership, this program provides marriage and family educational courses including REPARE/ENRICH, PEERS, PAIRS, PREP, Family Wellness, and Compassion Workshops. He consults for congregations and civic organizations on marriage and family strengthening initiatives, speaks to college and single adults on relationship issues, and appears on shows like the 700 Club. Rev. Marks is currently working to establish a Community Marriage Covenant in Greater Jacksonville.

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Rev LeRoy Sullivan
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Clarence Walker Ministries

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11. TRIBAL HEALTHY MARRIAGE PRACTITIONERS

Gordon and Pam James - NEW **Culture2Culture**

Gordon and Pam James teach marriage enrichment workshops for Native American couples. They focus on developing the skills necessary for healthy, loving and successful marriages from a Native American perspective. Together, they have written Coming Together in a Good Way – A Native Path in Finding Healthy Relationships, a book about improving intimate relationships. Gordon has twenty years of experience working in human services with Indian tribes and tribal governments throughout the U.S. and Canada and served four terms as the Chairman of the Skokomish Tribal Council. He has been an AmeriCorps Program Coordinator and he is a certified diversity trainer with the National Multicultural Institute. Gordon has also served on the University of Oklahoma's Wellness Conferences Planning Committees. He is a member of Shabubush, a performing arts group dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional Skokomish stories and teachings. Pam James received a bachelor's degree from Evergreen State College. A practitioner of her cultural traditions, she is dedicated to sharing her message of wellness, healing and developing healthy lifestyles. Gordon and Pam currently reside near the Skokomish Indian Reservation in Washington with their four children.

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