**NPCL’s Capability Statement**

The National Partnership for Community Leadership (NPCL) a nonprofit organization whose mission is to strengthen the service capacity of nonprofit and community-based agencies to empower low-income parents and youth through innovative training techniques, effective program management tools, and evidenced-based practices. NPCL is in Washington, District of Columbia.

NPCL has more than twenty-five years of experience working with and doing research on responsible fatherhood programming and low-income fathers. NPCL designed and implemented two national fatherhood demonstration projects, the Partners for Fragile Families Site Demonstration and the Fathers-at-Work Initiative. NPCL has expanded its capabilities to include healthy marriage and relationship education programs and program evaluation. NPCL has also designed and implemented evaluation designs for two marriage projects, the Healthy Marriage and Family Formation Project in partnership with the Department of Children and Families in Florida, and the Strengthening Marriage and Marriage Prospects in Atlanta, Georgia with the Morehouse Research Institute. Moreover, NPCL has evaluated several fatherhood programs during this period, the Union Industrial Home’s, Trenton New Jersey, responsible fatherhood program, and the Great Dads programs in Fairfax/Reston, Virginia et al.

**Dr. Jeffery M. Johnson**

As president of NPCL, Dr. Johnson has overseen the planning and implementation of two of the nation’s largest social welfare research projects involving men and fathers the *Partners for Fragile Families Site Demonstration* and the *Fathers –at- Work Initiative*. Since 1997, Dr. Johnson and NPCL have convened the Annual International Fatherhood Conference that attracts policy makers, family practitioners, researchers, and parents from around the world. He was also the visionary and national planning committee chair for the 100th year anniversary of Father’s Day held at the Lincoln Memorial on June 19, 2009. Dr. Johnson also presided over the National Youth Development Practitioners Institute under contract with the United States Department of Labor.

Dr. Johnson is considered an international expert on responsible fatherhood practice, policy and research and has presented at more than 300 conferences and is a recognized authority on matters pertaining to fathers and families, youth development, workforce development, urban poverty, and leadership development. A particular focus of his work has been on the plight of low-income African-American men and families. He has written numerous articles and publications and is regularly invited to testify before the United States Congress on national policy affecting fathers and low-income families. He played a principal role in passage of the first national fatherhood legislation in Congress, The Father’s Count Bill in 1999. This legislation provided the framework for the first dedicated federal funding stream for responsible fatherhood programs.

**Uriel D. Johnson** is Vice President for Research and Evaluation at NPCL. A former college professor, Uriel is responsible for research and evaluation of all NPCL projects. He is considered a national expert on fatherhood programming as well the history of the fatherhood field. Uriel co-managed two of the largest national fatherhood demonstration projects, the *Partners for Fragile Families Site Demonstration Project* (PFF), and the *Fathers at Work Initiative* (FAW). The PFF Site Demonstration Project was a multi-site, multi-year national demonstration project with a focus on developing partnerships between federal, state and local government agencies, community-based responsible fatherhood programs, and other local public/private sector human service agencies to serve low income families. The Fathers at Work Initiative was a 6-site project that supports community-based employment and training programs across the country in their efforts to develop responsible fatherhood components to serve low-income, unwed parents and their children. NPCL co-administered that project with Public Private Ventures. The results from the latter project informed the development of the *Second Chance Act.*

Uriel has been the principal investigator on NPCL’s healthy marriage and relationship education projects; the Healthy Marriage and Family Formation project in Partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Family Services, and the Strengthening Marriage and Marriage Prospects project in partnership with Morehouse Research Institute of Morehouse College, in Atlanta and Cordele, Georgia.

With over 30 years of professional experience working with community and economic development initiatives, social service delivery and educational programs, Uriel has an extensive background in urban and rural poverty, fatherhood, youth development, strengthening families and community development. He has served as a consultant to small, faith and community-based agencies, concerned citizens, grassroots activists, and public/private sector organizations in areas of resource development, capacity building, organizational development, research design, and strategic planning. Uriel has an undergraduate degree from West Virginia State University and a graduate degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.