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### **NHMRC Welcomes Rich Batten as Project Manager**



Denver, Colorado –The National Healthy Marriage Resource Manager (NHMRC) today announced that Rich Batten has joined the Center as its Project Manager.

Batten has an extensive background in NHMRC’s primary field of focus, healthy marriages and families. His most recent marriage and family work was with the Colorado Department of Human Services in Denver, Colorado, as a Family and Fatherhood Specialist.

“We’re pleased to add Rich to our team,” said Mary Myrick, NHMRC Project Director. “He brings to NHMRC more than twenty years of experience as a collaborative and strategic leader committed to improving the well being of marriages, families, fathers and communities. ”

Batten is a Certified Family Life Educator and is a subject matter expert, having taught numerous family education programs including Bringing Baby Home, PREP, Pre-Enrich, Fatherhood Development, Caring Dads and Boot Camp for New Dads.

Batten also has expertise in the management of family strengthening programs within a government context. He had fiscal and administrative management of a multi-million dollar annual responsible fatherhood grant, including managing extensive media efforts as part of a statewide public awareness campaign. His expertise also includes successful development of statewide collaborative relationships between fatherhood programs, domestic violence programs, healthy marriage programs, child welfare, child support enforcement and Department of Corrections.

Batten succeeds Patrick Patterson as Project Manager who has taken a new professional opportunity. “We appreciate Patrick’s years of service with NHMRC and wish him well in his new endeavors,” said Myrick.

Batten is based out of NHMRC’s Denver office, working closely with staff in NHMRC’s home office in Oklahoma City, as well as the federal project officer, key stakeholders and NHMRC partner organizations across the country.