

Healthy Marriage  
Strong Families &  
Child Wellbeing

**Part III. Healthy Marriage in Culturally and Racially Diverse Populations**

Friday, September 19, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (Continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.)

House Ways and Means Subcommittee Hearing Room, Rayburn 318,  
Independence Avenue & South Capitol St. SW

**AGENDA**

**9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction**

**Mary Myrick**, Project Director & **Patrick Patterson**, Program Manager,  
National Healthy Marriage Resource Center (NHMRC)

Seminar Moderator: **Dana Vickers Shelley**, Director of Strategic  
Communications, Annie E. Casey Foundation

**9:10 a.m. Panel One: Why Cultural Competence is Critical and What It Means for Healthy Marriage and Relationship Programs**

**Diann Dawson**, ACF Director of Regional Operations, Founder and Co-lead of  
African American Healthy Marriage Initiative

**Frank Fuentes**, ACF Deputy Director of the Office of Head Start, National  
Director, Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative

*Panelists will take questions from the audience.*

**9:45 a.m. Panel Two: Issues, Challenges and Solutions**

**Rozario Slack, Ph.D.**, Independent Consultant & CEO, Black Marriage  
Publications, Chattanooga, TN & **Nisa Muhammad**, Founder, Wedded Bliss  
Foundation, Washington, D.C.

**Alicia La Hoz, Ph.D.**, Family Bridges Program Manager, Chicago, IL

**Pam James**, Director, Leading the Next Generations Healthy Relationship  
Curriculum Development Project, & **Gordon James**, Board Member, Native  
Wellness Institute, Shelton, WA

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