

The Culture of American Families Conference



What is the state of the American family?

On November 15th the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture will host a conversation that explores key findings from its two-year study of American parents. Please join our research team and national leaders from organizations such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and The National Black Child Development Institute to think through the practical implications of the four family cultures and to consider the assumptions and anxieties shared by most American parents. Specific subjects of discussion will include the role that race and religion play in family cultures, the variety of support that families receive, and parental concern about technology and communication.

The conference will be participatory. Following an explanation of key findings and responses from guest panelists, conferees will think through the practical implications of this new data for organizations that work with families.

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November 15, 2012

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Buffet luncheon included

St. Regis Hotel, Carlton Ballroom

923 16th St. NW (at K Str.)

Washington, DC 20006

To view a complete schedule, and to reserve a space at the conference, please use the link below: http://www.iasc-culture.org/conference_signup_culture_of_american_families_project.php.

This event is by invitation only. If you would like to recommend that a colleague receive an invitation, please contact Ms. Jaime Laugelli at jlaugelli@imrfoundation.org.

We conceive of the family as a moral ecosystem in which understandings of “the good” are taught explicitly and imparted implicitly, reverberating through the ordinary practices and conversations of daily family life. As such, our effort to identify “family types” extends beyond questions of emotional attachment and parental direction to include factors pertaining to different understandings of “the good,” its sources, and the differential aspirations that parents hold for their children. On these strictly moral grounds, four types of family cultures emerged: The Faithful, Engaged Progressives, American Dreamers, and The Detached.

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