



Rep. La Shawn Ford Appointed to Illinois Council on Responsible Fatherhood



ICRF Chair Jeffery M. Leving & Rep. La Shawn Ford

CHICAGO, April 23, 2012 -- Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Michael Madigan appointed State Representative La Shawn K. Ford of the 8th District to the Illinois Council on Responsible Fatherhood (ICRF).

"State Representative Ford brings to ICRF a passion for responsible fatherhood and a deep understanding of the importance of the role of a father in a child's life. I look forward to collaborating with Representative Ford to serve the people of Illinois together," said ICRF Chair Jeffery M. Leving.

Ford represents the Eighth District in the Illinois House of Representatives, a diverse district which includes the West Side of Chicago, Oak Park, Berwyn, North Riverside, Forest Park, Proviso Township, Brookfield, La Grange Park and La Grange. In his support of responsible fatherhood, Ford sponsored legislation that established the Illinois Council on Responsible Fatherhood and was the Chief House Sponsor of legislation amending the Illinois Parentage Act to provide that paternity testing be done using the most modern DNA testing methods.

The Illinois Council on Responsible Fatherhood (<http://responsiblefatherhood.illinois.gov>) is a State Council established by the Illinois State Legislature to promote the positive involvement of both parents in the lives of their children. The mission of the Council is to significantly increase the number of children in Illinois that grow up with a responsible father in their lives.