

Media Advisory...

from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford to Host Press Conference on Foster Care

Chicago, IL – On Wednesday, February 24, at 12:15 p.m., state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, and Breaking Bread Group to Advance Foster Care will host a press conference in the Blue Room of the Capitol, kicking off an effort to increase male participation in the state’s foster care system.

“There is a serious lack in men who become foster parents in our state, so we’re calling on all interested good men to get involved and really make a difference,” said Ford. “We have to understand that a father figure plays a significant role in a child’s life, teaching them valuable life lessons. It is vital for children to have that kind of figure in their lives.”

Ford and Breaking Bread Group to Advance Foster Care have announced that they are initiating a campaign to push for 200 men to become foster parents in Illinois. They will be joined by the Department of Children and Family Services and the Illinois Center for Adoption and Permanency, who will present portraits from their renowned Heart Gallery to move the effort forward.

“As someone who was adopted, I am in full support of people of goodwill who extend their homes and their love to help make a difference in the lives of those who need of a family,” said Ford. “I am grateful that my grandmother made many sacrifices to put my life on the right path, giving me many opportunities in life. The state can’t raise children, and the need to have qualified families, and especially men, extend their homes to others is beneficial to the state and to the child.”

<p>WHO: State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford Breaking Bread Group to Advance Foster Care, DCFS, and Illinois Center for Adoption and Permanency</p> <p>WHAT: Press Conference to kick off efforts to increase the numbers of male foster care providers</p> <p>WHEN: February 24, 2016, 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Where: Blue Room, State Building- 160 N Lasalle St. Chicago</p>
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This conference is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Ford’s constituent service office at 773-416-4663 or repford@lashawnford.com.

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