

The Conversation

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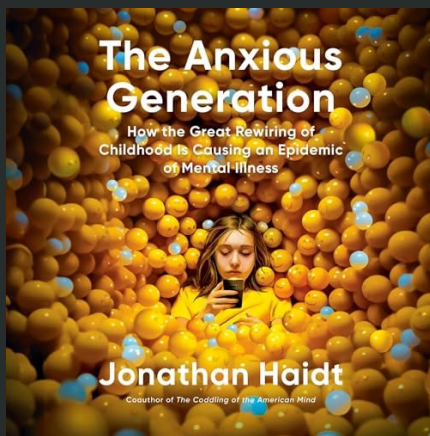
Mission:

Father-Con inspires, informs and equips men to be the best they can be for themselves, their families and their communities.

Vision:

Our vision is to see an end of human exploitation, and provide child and community well-being through father presence and responsible engagement.

Books we like about keeping kids safe



Father-Con 2024 postponed!!

To provide the best information and experience at this year's conference, we have decided to postpone the annual Father-Con conference to the Fall. The new dates will be coming shortly. Please keep watchful for upcoming announcements about the schedule.

Join The Conversation

The Founder's Conversation Starter

"The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of sixty minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is." – C.S. Lewis

Recently I and some of the board members of Father-Con went to see an Irish film, *Nowhere Special*, about a single father who has several months to live and is seeking a family to adopt his 4 year old son. The dad is taking Michael to meet prospective adoptive parents without telling his son about his illness or about why there are meeting the families. There is an assumption that the little boy is oblivious to the "adult" conversation occurring in his presence. When he asks his father, "What is adopt?" The dad explains and then his son responds saying, "I don't want to adopt." It was a simple exchange but a reminder that our children understand more than we think, they are aware of more than we want them to be. Later the father creates a box of messages to his son at milestones in his life, like when he passes his drivers test, and other momentos to communicate that his father loved him. By the end of the film our entire row was sniffing and unobtusively wiping away tears. How would you consolidate your message to a child you are not going to see again? As fathers, how often do we think about the lessons our children need to learn in order to open the doors of their future wide and welcoming? How often do we consider that our children are learning more from our actions than our words, and forming their beliefs about life and love from those actions? This film gave each of us a pause to put ourselves into the shoes of a father having to make his exit of this mortal coil with intention and deliberation. We are each casting a pebble in the still waters of a lake and creating ripples that can settle on the shore gracefully, if we see each day as an opportunity calling. Buddha was once asked, what is the biggest mistake we make in life, to which he replied, "The biggest mistake is to think you have time."



Patrick Erlandson – Father & new grandfather
Founder: Father-Con and See it. End it. Film & Arts Festival

Upcoming Events of Father-Con



For the third year, Father-Con will be presenting at the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, this year by video with a message about fathers and healthy families on May 15th.

June 15th - Just in time for Father's Day

FATHER-CON
Never too early. Never too late. Fathers matter

Calling All Fathers!

**JOIN FATHER-CON
FOR A FREE READING EVENT**

COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SPACE CENTER
12400 COLUMBIA WAY
DOWNEY, CA 90242

**Saturday June 15th, 2024
11am-3pm**

FREE BOOKS
FREE FOOD
GAMES & PRIZES
COMMUNITY RESOURCES
FREE MUSEUM DAY

**When Fathers Read-They
Launch Their Children To The
Stars and Beyond!**

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Families will be able to spend the day at the Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey - receive free books, meet authors, enjoy free pizza and games and prizes and more!

We wish a special thanks to all the hundreds of individual donors, the the sponsorships of companies and organizations like Anthem Blue Cross, the Principia Group, FCI, Maximum Impact Foundation, WFWP, Artists for Change, YWCA Harbor City, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, and the City of Downey, Supervisor Janice Hahn and Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco. You make change possible for many. Thank you.

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Joe Clement and Matt Miles

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Kelly Newcom

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Former US Ambassador to Combat Human Trafficking

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The Role of Authentic Masculinity
in Ending Sexual Exploitation
and Trafficking



Alan Smyth • Jessica Midkiff

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