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--Circle of Parents™  
--Families in Recovery Network  
Family Help Line Services  
--Live Support Line  
--Statewide Resource Database  
Child & Teen Services  
--SMART™  
--Developmental Screenings  
New & Expectant Parent Services  
--Conscious Fathering™ Classes  
--Great Starts™ Classes

#### OUR VISION

Strong Families Begin at Home.

#### OUR MISSION

Parent Trust for Washington Children creates lasting change and hope for the future by promoting safe, healthy families and communities.

## 2019 Children's Champion: Bernie Dorsey

### *For Immediate Release:*

Seattle, September 24 — Parent Trust for Washington Children is delighted to announce that Bernie Dorsey, founder of our Conscious Fathering program, is the recipient of the 2019 Laura Smith Brown Children's Champion Award.

This award, presented annually since 2001, honors the work of outstanding advocates for children and families. Past recipients include philanthropists, public servants, and social service organizations. Every one of our champions is dedicated to creating real change in the lives of children.

Our Conscious Fathering program is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Conscious Fathering classes are practical and hands-on. They fill the knowledge gap that can leave men feeling helpless in the face of fatherhood. More than 20,000 men have taken this groundbreaking class.

To learn more about the Conscious Fathering and Mr. Dorsey's pioneering work, please visit our website: <https://www.parenttrust.org/about/family-stories-and-connections/meet-our-partners-and-advocates/bernie-dorsey-2019-childrens-champion/>

Mr. Dorsey will receive the award on Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, at our KIDS Matter! Luncheon at the Sheraton in downtown Seattle. In addition to Mr. Dorsey our program includes Washington State Representative Tina Orwall, Conscious Fathering Program Coordinator Jessup Coffin, and Peter DiOrio, General Manager of the Kimpton Palladian Hotel, who will be speaking as a Conscious Fathering graduate.



Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Sheraton Grand Seattle: 1400 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
12:00pm -1pm

#### About Parent Trust:

Raising kids is a big job. Parents don't have to go it alone. At Parent Trust, we meet families where they are, when they need us, throughout their parenting journey. Our programs include a parent coaching call-in line, developmental screenings, childbirth and parenting classes, parenting groups, stress reduction training for teens, and support groups for parents recovering from substance addiction.

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Media are welcome to attend the luncheon and award ceremony. A full list of our previous award winners and photos of Mr. Dorsey are attached.