

PLEASE JOIN ATTACHMENT  
NETWORK OF CONNECTICUT  
(ANCT) LUNCHTIME SERIES,  
NO ONE EATS ALONE:

---

**INTENTIONALLY ADAPTING  
ATTACHMENT THEORY  
POST-INCARCERATION**

**with Alden Woodcock,  
Cordell Pemberton, &  
Tabari Hashim**

---

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

12-1 pm (Zoom)

This is a free event, so please stop by

# About the Event

---

EMERGE Connecticut, Inc. and Fair Haven Community Health Care have partnered with United Way of Greater New Haven since 2013 to bring Circle of Security Parenting to adults returning home from incarceration. As part of EMERGE's Transitional Employment Program, this partnership has been intentional about adapting secure attachment curriculum to the unique needs of returning citizens in New Haven.

This presentation will describe how this partnership has used the Circle of Security curriculum to help men and women navigate the complexities of family reunification and dynamics of secure attachment while returning home from incarceration. Attendees will learn:

- How this partnership has formed to foster secure attachment within an organization.
- The importance of intentional program adaptation to the unique needs of specific populations, groups, and individuals.
- How Circle of Security has become the gateway to ongoing mental health services for individuals and families.
- First hand stories from fathers who will speak to the importance of attachment theory and Circle of Security in their own reentry experience.

---

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021  
12-1pm

---

To **Register** for the event, which will be held on Zoom please follow this link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAldOuppjwqHNaYrZBpeMocIeyRfZ51O-b1>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

# About the Presenters

---

**Cordell Pemberton.** Cordell attended Community College in Clifton New Jersey and has been providing groups for the Fair Haven Community Health Center for 19 years. He spent 14 years conducting Substance Abuse Education groups and, for the past five years, he has served as a Fatherhood Family Support Provider and Group Facilitator for the Family Home Visiting Partnership (formerly Nurturing Families Network [NFN]). He has brought his skills, talent and insight into his home visiting and group work with fathers to support positive parent child interactions. Cordell is respected by peers, community partners and the families he works with for his natural ability to “set the tone” as it relates to promoting and modeling the benefits of parenting groups and home visiting. He has had the pleasure of presenting at the Attachment Conference at Gateway Community College in 2018, and to the United Way Board about Circle of Security groups, being a member of the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Prenatal subcommittee for Nurturing Families Network. Cordell is a committee member for the Secure Start Network at United Way of Greater New Haven.

**Alden Woodcock.** Alden earned his BS in Cultural Anthropology from Southern Connecticut State University, and an MS in Management of Mission-Driven Organizations from Marlboro College. Alden is the Executive Director at EMERGE Connecticut, Inc., a Social Enterprise that operates a transitional employment program for adults returning to their families and communities from incarceration. By combining paid employment in construction with enhanced program services focused on promoting personal development and de-stigmatizing mental health concerns, EMERGE has seen a 14% recidivism rate for alumni two years after joining, compared to 47% in the State of Connecticut. Alden has been facilitating Circle of Security Groups at EMERGE since 2014. EMERGE attributes a large portion of the program’s success to the conversations started in Circle of Security, which has served as the gateway to ongoing mental health services and family supports. Alden has presented on his experience with Circle of Security to the Board of Directors at United Way of Greater New Haven and at the 2018 Attachment Conference at Gateway Community College.

**Tabari "Ra" Hashim.** Ra is originally from North Carolina and currently based in New Haven. Ra is an entrepreneur, activist, and Supervisor at EMERGE Connecticut, Inc. He’s passionate about strengthening his community and changing the narrative around people who look like him who have been impacted by one-sided systems. He is a recent Circle of Security Parenting (COSP) graduate. He will share his perspective on incorporating Attachment theory concepts into the important work with EMERGE clients and his supervisees.

---

To **Register** for the event, which will be held on Zoom please follow this link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjAldOuppjwqHNaYrZBpeMocleyRfZ51O-b1>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.