

“NPT Reports: Children’s Health Crisis – Family Health” airs June 14

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Premiere kicks off with screening at Fatherhood Summit at LP Field, hosted by Metro Health Department’s New Life Program Nashville, Tennessee – June 7, 2013 – With 35 percent of U.S. children living in a single parent household and one in 20 children in Tennessee being raised by a grandparent, it is clear the typical American family is no longer typical. In “NPT Reports: Children’s Health Crisis – Family Health” – the seventh installment in NPT’s Emmy® Award-winning series – the documentary explores the role shifting family structures play in the health of Tennessee children.

“NPT Reports: Children’s Health Crisis – Family Health” premieres Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m. on NPT and online at <http://wnpt.org/childrenshealth>.

Produced by Will Pedigo and hosted by actress Kimberly Williams-Paisley (Father of the Bride, According to Jim, and Nashville), the documentary focuses on early childhood development. It examines non-traditional families overcoming challenges and demonstrates the importance of parents in child development. In particular, “NPT Reports: Children’s Health Crisis – Family Health” takes a close look at the impact fathers have in the overall wellbeing of children.

“This documentary explores the effects instability in relationships, increased exposure to stress and access to fewer resources have on families and the health of children,” said Pedigo, who previously produced programs in the NPT Reports: Children’s Health Crisis series addressing infant mortality, prevention and sexuality. “We interview experts and also talk with Tennessee families that have persevered through challenges in order to understand lessons learned that can help other parents who are in similar situations.”

During the broadcast, viewers are encouraged to engage each other in discussion on Twitter with the hashtag #childrenshealth.

The documentary will be previewed the morning of its premiere, Friday, June 14, at the Fatherhood Summit, an inaugural event hosted by the Metro Public Health Department’s New Life Program. The summit will take place at LP Field Stadium Club from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 200 community advocates and professionals working with fathers and families in the community are expected to attend.

NPT’s Children’s Health Crisis Project is a multiyear initiative built around a series of documentaries on the state of children’s health in Tennessee. Other elements of the project include follow-up discussion programs, daily on-air health updates, an extensive project website and community outreach on related topics. All episodes of the series, as well as bonus video extras and extended interview segments are available for free streaming at <http://wnpt.org/childrenshealth>.

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