

Jerry Tello comes from a family of Mexican/Texan roots and was raised in south central Los Angeles. He is an internationally recognized authority in the areas of family strengthening, leadership development and cross-cultural issues. He has over 25 years of hands-on experience in communities locally and nationally and provides keynotes, institute trainings, technical and program development assistance to a variety of community, state and national organizations. Over the years Mr. Tello has incorporated innovative processes to include theater, music, poetry, humor all with an interactive focus to engage his audience in a reality based healing experience.

He has written extensively from articles to curriculum training manuals to commissioned papers and has written for Parent Child Magazine, Early Childhood Today, Pre-K Today and Low Rider Magazine. He has authored a Males Rites of Passage Curriculum, a Pregnancy/Violence Prevention Curriculum, a Multicultural Young Fatherhood Curriculum and Co-Authored a book on Family Violence and Men of Color. In addition, he has written a series of bilingual children's books and has been featured in People, Newsweek and Times magazines.

Mr. Tello has received numerous awards and recognitions including the California Governor's Award, The International Ambassador of Peace Award and the Presidential Crime Victims Service Award, presented to him by President Bill Clinton at the White House. He is presently Director of the National Latino Fatherhood and Family Institute in East Los Angeles, California, is married and has 3 children.