

Focus on the Family Specialists



Jim Daly
President and CEO

Jim Daly is president of Focus on the Family and host of the daily broadcast, heard by more than 2.9 million listeners a week on more than 1,000 radio stations across the U.S. The show was honored as 2012 Program of the Year by the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB). Daly was named president of Focus in 2005 after 16 years in several executive roles at the ministry. Under his leadership, the ministry has reinvigorated its traditional focus on helping couples build strong marriages and raise healthy, resilient kids. With the help of Focus resources, research indicates that 790,000 couples have built stronger marriages and 660,000

families built stronger, healthier and more God-honoring families in the last 12 months alone. Daly is an author whose book, "[ReFOCUS: Living a Life That Reflects God's Heart](#)," explores how to engage the culture for Christ in a compassionate and winsome way. His newest book, "[The Good Dad](#)," looks at how dads can become better fathers regardless of their background or the parenting mistakes they've made. Daly and his wife, Jean, have two sons and live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ask Jim about ...

Focus on the Family, fatherhood, faith, marriage, parenting, poverty, orphan care, cultural commentary, or the book he's writing on marriage.



Greg Smalley, Psy.D.
Vice President, Family Ministries

Dr. Greg Smalley serves as the vice president of Family Ministries at Focus on the Family. In this role, he develops and oversees initiatives that prepare individuals for marriage, strengthen and nurture existing marriages and help couples in marital crises. He also oversees Focus' parenting initiatives that equip mothers and fathers with biblical principles and counsel for raising healthy, resilient children. After receiving his doctorate at the Rosemead School of Psychology at Biola University in Southern California and a counseling degree from Denver

Seminary, he and his wife, Erin, led intensive marriage seminars around the world and trained pastors, professionals and lay leaders on how to effectively work with married and engaged couples. Married since 1992, Greg and Erin live in Colorado with their three daughters, Taylor, Maddy and Annie, and their son, Garrison.

Ask Greg about ...

Marriage, couples in crisis, managing conflict, engagement, divorce, his latest book "[Crazy Little Thing Called Marriage](#)," parenting, or adoption.

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Lisa Anderson

Director, Young Adults; Host, "The Boundless Show"

Lisa Anderson is the author of "[The Dating Manifesto: A Drama-Free Plan for Pursuing Marriage with Purpose](#)," and she hosts "[The Boundless Show](#)," Focus on the Family's popular radio show and podcast for young adults. As director of Young Adults and Boundless at Focus on the Family, Anderson manages [Boundless](#), Focus' ministry for young adults, with the goal of helping

20- and 30-somethings grow up, own their faith, date with purpose and prepare for marriage and family. She is driven, in part, by interacting regularly with young adults who, because of the cultural impact of divorce, fatherlessness and a Hollywood-inspired view of romance and relationships, have little idea of how to approach dating and marriage from a God-honoring perspective. She has appeared on numerous radio and TV programs and has been known to speak at national conferences wearing tall boots and a skull T-shirt. Anderson graduated from Trinity International University in Chicago and has lived and worked across the globe from Paraguay to Capitol Hill. She now makes her home in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ask Lisa about ...

Singleness, dating, millennials, growing up, preparing for marriage and family, cultural commentary, or her radio show.



Bob Waliszewski

Director, Plugged In

Bob Waliszewski is the director of Focus on the Family's [Plugged In](#) website, which is dedicated to helping families make wise entertainment choices. The Plugged In website won an NRB award for "Best Ministry Website" for 2012. The site and its various smart phone apps provide up-to-date reviews of new movie releases and information on the hottest music, television, DVDs and

video games impacting culture today. Waliszewski reaches more than 700 radio stations and Internet outlets weekly with his syndicated "[Plugged In Movie Review](#)," a family-friendly review of today's hottest movies in 1- and 2-minute radio features. Waliszewski is the author of "[Plugged-In Parenting: How to Raise Media-Savvy Kids with Love, Not War](#)" (Tyndale, 2011), and he regularly speaks to teens and parents on popular culture. A former youth pastor, Waliszewski joined the Focus on the Family team in 1991. He is married to Leesa, and they have two adult children.

Ask Bob about ...

Entertainment, award shows, media discernment for families, raising media-savvy kids, parenting, and movie reviews.

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Paul Asay
Associate Editor, *Plugged In*

Paul Asay is an associate editor at [Plugged In](#), a website that reaches millions of people with movie reviews that help people understand popular cultural trends and how they intersect with spiritual issues. Asay is an award-winning journalist who covered religion at The (Colorado Springs) Gazette and whose work has been published by such outlets as The Washington Post, Christianity

Today, Youth Worker Journal and Beliefnet.com. He also blogs regularly at Patheos.com. Asay has a special interest in the unexpected ways faith and media intersect. He is the author of "[God on the Streets of Gotham: What the Big Screen Batman Can Teach Us About God and Ourselves](#)" and "[Burning Bush 2:0: How Pop Culture Replaced the Prophet](#)," and he collaborated with Jim Daly on his book, "[The Good Dad](#)." Asay lives in Colorado Springs with his wife, Wendy, and they have two adult children.

Ask Paul about ...

Entertainment, movie reviews, media discernment, pop culture, fatherhood, parenting adult children/letting go, or superheroes.



Danny Huerta
Executive Director, *Parenting*

Danny Huerta is a bilingual, licensed clinical social worker who became Focus on the Family's executive director of parenting in late 2015. He specializes in the treatment of disruptive behavior disorders, self-esteem issues, and anxiety and depression in adolescents, children and their families. He can also discuss how to talk with kids about trauma and healthy sexuality. With degrees from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs and the

University of Denver, Huerta has worked as a social worker in a low-income school district, directed a mentor program at a child placement agency, served as an adjunct faculty member at Pikes Peak Community College and maintained a private practice. After the shooting tragedies in Aurora, Colo., and Newtown, Conn., Huerta took on dozens of radio and TV interviews, giving advice to parents on how to talk through the tragedies with their kids. He has served as a board member on the El Paso County Mental Health Association, and is a frequent contributor to various Focus publications, including "The First Five Years of Marriage," radio broadcasts, and written content. He and his wife, Heather, have been married since 1998 and have two children, Alex and Lexi.

Ask Danny about ...

Parenting; teen issues; healthy sexuality; trauma; behavior disorders; anxiety and depression in adolescents, kids and families; or talking to your kids about tragedy.

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Erin Smalley
Author/Speaker

Erin Smalley, author and speaker, presents with her husband, Greg, at marriage intensives and marriage enrichment seminars, where they encourage couples toward developing deeply satisfying marriages. Smalley also develops content for the marriage department. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing and worked as a labor and delivery nurse for eight years before going back to school for a master's degree in clinical psychology at Evangel University in Springfield, Mo. Before starting at Focus in 2011, Smalley worked with her husband at the

Center for Relationship Enrichment at John Brown University. Smalley has been blessed as a wife and a biological and adoptive mom of four great children.

Ask Erin about ...

Mothering, marriage, what it looks like to be a "wholehearted wife," the twelve traits that will help your marriage succeed, engagement, female friendships, or adoption.



Jeremy Keeton
Director, Counseling Services

Jeremy Keeton serves as the director of counseling services at Focus on the Family. In this role, he provides leadership for licensed mental health professionals and ordained chaplains who offer comfort, prayer, professional input, and referrals to thousands of people facing a variety of personal and family needs. Keeton is a licensed marriage and family therapist. His focus, professional experience and studies include issues

related to sexuality from a Christian perspective and a redemptive vision for those struggling in this area. He also has extensive experience in counseling men and couples affected by sexual dysfunctions, infidelity and pornography addiction. In addition to offering individual and marriage therapy, he has authored materials and conducted recovery groups on these topics for over a decade. Keeton earned a bachelor's degree in human communication and a master's in marriage and family therapy from Abilene Christian University in 2001. He is also a licensed marriage and family therapist by the state of Colorado. He lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., with his wife and three children.

Ask Jeremy about ...

Counseling at Focus on the Family, marriage, parenting, relationship issues, mental health, mental illness, sexual addictions, or sexual education.

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Harry Pearson **Counselor**

Dr. Harry Pearson is a licensed marital and family therapist who specializes in situations involving addictions, the military and pastoral care. He draws on 30-plus years of experience as a therapist in clinical counseling centers and private practice to carry out his work in counseling at Focus on the Family. Dr. Pearson graduated from the Clinical Doctoral Program in Marriage and Family Therapy at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University. He received a Ph.D. in Pastoral Counseling from Trinity Theological Seminary. He has also earned three master degrees: a Master of Sacred Theology in Clinical Pastoral Care / Counseling from New York Theological Seminary; a Master of Arts in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and a Master of Arts in Biblical Literature from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. He is clinically certified in counseling through The Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute in New York City and The Council for Relationships in Philadelphia. He has been married to Karyn since 1982, and they have three adult children and two granddaughters.

Ask Harry about ...

Counseling, mental health, mental illness, addictions, military families, pastoral care, marriage, or parenting.



Kelly Rosati **Vice President, Community Outreach**

Kelly Rosati is the vice president of Community Outreach at Focus on the Family, where she serves as the ministry spokesperson on child advocacy issues. Rosati oversees the Adoption and Orphan Care Initiative, the Sanctity of Human Life department, the [Option Ultrasound](#), and Community Care efforts. Prior to joining Focus, Rosati served for 10 years as the executive director of Hawaii Family Forum where she advocated for Hawaii's children and families in the legislature and media. Rosati and her husband adopted their four children from Hawaii's foster care system. Together they wrote the book "[Wait No More](#)", in which they share their adoption journey. She is a frequent public speaker on the topics of sanctity of human life and adoption and orphan care and currently serves as a board member of the national "March for Life." Rosati received her undergraduate degree from Marquette University and graduated cum laude from the University of Nebraska College of Law. Rosati and her family live in Monument, Colo.

Ask Kelly about ...

Adoption, foster care, sanctity of human life, her family's adoption story, the process of adoption from foster care, sanctity of human life, or the Evangelicals for Life conference.

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Dr. Sharen Ford

Program Director, Adoption and Orphan Care

Dr. Sharen Ford is the program director for Focus on the Family's adoption and orphan care efforts. In this role, she helps raise awareness of the need for adoptive families to provide loving and stable homes for the more than 100,000 waiting children in the U.S. foster care system. She also makes post-

placement resources available for adoptive families. Prior to her current role, Ford worked for child welfare services at the State Department of Human Services where she served as the manager for permanency services. Ford has spoken at a variety of conferences on adoption and orphan care issues. Ford received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from Benedictine College, a Master of Education from the University of Missouri – St. Louis and holds a doctorate in counseling psychology from Cornerstone University. Married since 1991, Ford lives in Aurora, Colo., with her husband. She has one daughter and loves watching her grandson play sports.

Ask Sharen about ...

Adoption, foster care, sanctity of human life, her family's adoption story, the process of adoption from foster care, sanctity of human life, or the Evangelicals for Life conference.



Robyn Chambers

Program Director, Option Ultrasound

Robyn Chambers is the program director for [Option Ultrasound](#) at Focus on the Family. In this role, she oversees all aspects of the program that provides ultrasound machines and sonography training to qualified pro-life medical clinics in high-abortion communities. Chambers works with a variety of other pro-life organizations that partner with Option

Ultrasound, visits pregnancy resource centers and hosts nurse trainings across the United States. She's also a member of the Leadership Alliance for Pregnancy Care Organizations. She has served at Focus on the Family for more than 20 years, starting in the ministry's Family Help Center taking calls from people seeking help from Focus. Subsequent to this, she worked on a team responsible for translating Focus resources into other languages and as a legal coordinator drafting book contracts to distribute Focus resources worldwide. She lives in Colorado Springs with her husband, and they have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Ask Robyn about ...

The Option Ultrasound program, the power of ultrasound, pregnancy resource centers, and the sanctity of human life.

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Briana Stensrud
Director, Sanctity of Life and Community Outreach

Briana Stensrud serves as the director of Sanctity of Life and Community Outreach at Focus on the Family. In this role, she equips and engages with pro-life advocates, oversees the content and communications related to the sanctity of human life and leads the ministry's program that provides benevolent resources for pregnancy resource centers. She also supports and develops collaborative relationships through communities throughout the country and internationally in order to deliver [Raising Highly Capable Kids](#), a community-based parenting programming. Prior to joining Focus, Stensrud held various donor development, marketing, public relations and sales roles. She has a Bachelor of Arts in communications and political science from Iowa State University, and a certificate of biblical and theological studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. Stensrud and her husband have one daughter, and they live in Colorado Springs.

Ask Briana about ...

Sanctity of human life, the pro-life movement, the Evangelicals for Life conference, or pregnancy resource centers.



Mike Haley
Program Director, Raising Highly Capable Kids

Mike Haley is a program director in the church and community outreach department at Focus on the Family. His most recent project has been the "[Raising Highly Capable Kids](#)" program, a 13-week curriculum for schools in lower-income areas that helps raise healthy, caring and responsible kids. In his role, he supports all of Focus' values-based programs in communities across the country. Raising Highly Capable Kids is a "train the trainer" model where residents in communities are trained to deliver the program to parents within their spheres of influence. Parents are the most influential key to raising healthy, thriving and resilient kids, and few things please Haley more than partnering with them to affect the potential for a more positive outcome in the lives of the children. Haley has been interviewed for a variety of media outlets including Fox News, The Washington Post, Associated Press, Los Angeles Times and The Orange County Register. Haley graduated from Biola University with a bachelor's degree in Christian education and his Master of Arts in counseling and human relations from Liberty University. He and his wife, Angie, have been married since 1994 and live in Colorado Springs, Colo., with their two boys, Bennett and Brenner.

Ask Mike about ...

Raising Highly Capable Kids, community care, or poverty.

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Glenn T. Stanton
Director, Family Formation Studies

Glenn Stanton is the director of Family Formation Studies at Focus on the Family and a research fellow at the Institute of Marriage and Family in Ottawa, Ontario. He debates and lectures extensively on the issues of gender, sexuality, marriage and parenting at universities and churches around the world.

Stanton served the George W. Bush administration for many years as a consultant on increasing fatherhood involvement in the Head Start program. He is the author of a number of books on various aspects of marriage and families and a contributor author to nine more. His recent books are "[Loving My \(LGBT\) Neighbor: Being Friends in Grace and Truth](#)," an exploration of how Christians should interact with their gay or lesbian neighbors, and "[The Family Project](#)," a theological, anthropological and sociological look at the essential human institution of the family. Stanton is a graduate of the University of West Florida with an emphasis in philosophy and history. He resides in Colorado Springs with his wife and five children.

Ask Glenn about ...

Gender, sexuality, family studies (from a sociological and anthropological perspective), fatherhood, cohabitation, masculinity and femininity, or the latest research on marriage and family.



Carrie Gordon Earll
Vice President, Government & Public Policy

Carrie Gordon Earll is the vice president of government and public policy at Focus on the Family, where she leads the staff that provides expertise on a range of social policy topics affecting life issues, marriage and religious liberties. Earll also serves as the senior policy analyst for bioethics, researching and writing on a range of topics including abortion, end-of-life medical decisions and physician-assisted suicide. A strong

advocate for the pro-life position, Earll talks and presents sanctity of human life issues. She is partly driven by her own abortion in college, which taught her that "women deserve better than abortion." As a media spokesperson for Focus on the Family, Earll has been interviewed by hundreds of print and broadcast media outlets, including "ABC World News Tonight," "Fox News," "The O'Reilly Factor," CNN, MSNBC, National Public Radio, The New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. Earll holds a master of arts in Bioethics from Trinity International University in Chicago.

Ask Carrie about ...

Abortion, end-of-life medical decisions, physician-assisted suicide, sanctity of human life, bioethics, or public policy decisions.

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Bruce Hausknecht **Judicial Analyst**

Bruce Hausknecht, J.D., is an attorney who serves as Focus on the Family's judicial analyst. He is responsible for research and analysis of legal and judicial issues related to Christians and the institution of the family, including First Amendment freedom of religion and free speech issues, judicial activism, marriage, homosexuality and pro-life matters. He also tracks legislation and laws affecting these issues. Prior to joining Focus in 2004, Hausknecht practiced law for 17 years in construction litigation and as an associate general counsel for a large ministry in

Virginia. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Illinois and his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. Hausknecht has been married since 1981 and has three adult children.

Ask Bruce about ...

Legal and judicial issues related to Christians and the family, religious liberties, or the latest Supreme Court decisions.



Candi Cushman **Education Analyst**

Candi Cushman, education analyst for Focus on the Family, is a leading national expert on education issues affecting public and private education. Cushman's passion for helping parents reclaim their rights and ability to protect their children from controversial curriculum was the spark that led her to create True Tolerance, an online tool available to parents at www.TrueTolerance.org. This resource educates parents on education law and policy

and equips them so they can engage their local school officials. Cushman is also the facilitator for Focus on the Family's student-led [Day of Dialogue](#) and Bring Your Bible to School Day annual events. Cushman has been featured in several national media outlets and radio shows, including CNN's "Anderson Cooper," HLN's "Dr. Drew," MSNBC, The New York Times, The Denver Post, ABC News, "Janet Parshall's America," "The Janet Mefferd Show" and the "Focus on the Family" broadcast. Cushman graduated cum laude from Baylor University. She currently lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ask Candi about ...

Public and private education issues, education law and policy, Focus on the Family's student-led "Day of Dialogue" and "Bring Your Bible to School Day" events.

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Jeff Johnston **Issues Analyst**

Jeff Johnston works as an issues analyst at Focus on the Family, where he researches and writes about a variety of subjects related to marriage, homosexuality, gender, and healthy sexuality. Though raised in a Christian home and actively involved in his church growing up, Johnston struggled for years to reconcile his Christian faith with his same-sex attractions and sexual addiction. While working as a youth intern at a church in San Diego, he attended a conference, "Hope and Healing for the Homosexual," which began his journey of healing and change. Since then, he has shared the story of God's transforming power with churches, youth groups, schools and the news media. Before joining Focus, Johnston served as a director on the boards of Exodus International and PFOX, ministries dedicated to providing resources and support for men and women with unwanted same-sex attractions, and for their churches and families. In addition, he served as executive director of ministries in Baltimore and San Diego, helping men and women move toward God's design for healthy sexuality. Johnston graduated from San Diego State University and lives in Colorado Springs with his wife and three sons.

Ask Jeff about ...

Sexuality, gender, marriage, homosexuality, or transgenderism – and explaining these issues to your kids.



John Fuller **Co-Host, Focus on the Family Daily Broadcast**

John Fuller is vice president of Focus on the Family's Audio and New Media division, leading the team that creates and produces more than a dozen audio programs. Fuller is also the co-host of the award-winning "Focus on the Family" daily radio program. He hosts the radio features "Weekend Magazine" and "Focus on the Family Minute," as well as the "Focus on Marriage" and "Focus on Parenting" podcasts. Fuller speaks internationally about parenting, marriage, adoption, faith, creativity, workplace relationships and more. He has written for a variety of magazines and is also the author of "[First-Time Dad: The Stuff You Really Need to Know](#)" (Moody Publishing, 2011). Fuller has a Master of Arts in human communications from the University of Northern Colorado and a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from the University of Texas at Tyler; he also studied at Dallas Theological Seminary. Married since 1984, Fuller and his wife, Dena, have six children.

Ask John about ...

Importance of radio ministry (i.e. share-a-thons), first-time fatherhood, co-hosting the Daily Broadcast, autism, or adoption.

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Tim Goeglein

Vice President, External Relations

Tim Goeglein is the vice president for External Relations for Focus on the Family, serving in Washington, D.C. He has held high-level government posts for the past two decades, including special assistant to President George W. Bush, where he was the deputy director of the White House Office of Public Liaison from 2001 to 2008. Goeglein was the president's principal outreach contact for conservatives, think tanks, veterans groups, faith-based groups and some of America's leading cultural organizations. Prior to his work in the White House, Goeglein served as communications director for the Campaign for Working Families. Before that, he was first deputy press secretary, and then press secretary and communications director for Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana. He also the author of "[The Man in the Middle: An Inside Account of Faith and Politics in the George W. Bush Era](#)" (Broadman and Holman, 2011). Goeglein graduated from Indiana University's Ernie Pyle School of Journalism in 1986, where he was the Richard Gray Fellow his senior year. He also holds an honorary doctorate from Concordia University – New York. Goeglein lives in the Washington, D.C. area with his wife and two sons.

Ask Tim about ...

Politics, sanctity of human life, or cultural commentary.



Paul Batura

Vice President, Communications

Paul Batura is vice president of Communications for Focus on the Family. In his role, Batura is responsible for media and public relations, internal communications and community relations. With more than two decades of diverse experience in the news media, broadcast journalism, publishing and non-profit administration, Batura has been with Focus on the Family since 1998. Prior to serving in his current capacity, he served as a top writer and adviser to both Focus' founder, Dr. James C. Dobson and its current president, Jim Daly. His books include, "Good Day! The Paul Harvey Story" and "Mentored by the King: Arnold Palmer's Success Lessons for Golf, Business, and Life." Most recently, he collaborated with Jim Daly on "[REFOCUS: Living a Life that Reflects God's Heart](#)" (Zondervan, 2012). Batura and his wife, Julie, had the privilege of adopting their three young boys, Riley, Will and Alex, at birth. Batura and his family reside in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ask Paul about ...

Focus on the Family's past, present, and future, fatherhood, communications, adoption, writing, or caring for an aging parent.

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