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Appointed in September 2006, Michael L. Benjamin currently serves as the executive director of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Prior to his appointment with FCCLA, Michael served as executive director of The National Council on Family Relations in Minneapolis, MN. Before that he was executive director of the Institute for Mental Health Initiatives, a component of the School of Public Health, George Washington University in Washington, DC. Throughout his career, he has worked on a variety of family issues, including work and family, mental health and the family, fatherhood, violence prevention and cultural diversity. Among his previous positions, Michael was chief operating officer of the Employee Assistance Professionals Association; served as the human services lobbyist and program director of both mental health and alcohol abuse prevention with the National Association of Counties; a health scientist administrator at the National Institute of Mental Health; and executive director of a large comprehensive community mental health center in Portland, Oregon. Michael has served on numerous boards in Washington, DC, Portland, OR and Minneapolis, MN and has extensive professional links with policy makers and professional associations and has published articles on mental health issues pertaining to families. His most recent publication was a chapter he co-authored with his spouse Marva P. Benjamin, "The Role of Leadership in Addressing Issues of Race and Ethnicity: Cultural Competence as a Framework and Leadership Strategy" in the 2004 book titled Promoting Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Understanding and Reconciliation. Michael is a member of North Carolina A & T State University's Human Environment and Family Sciences Advisory Board and a past member the University of Minnesota's Family Social Science Advisory Board. He holds a bachelors degree in psychology from Texas Southern University in Houston and a Masters in Public Health from Yale University. In 2006, Michael earned the designation of Certified Association Executive (CAE) from the American Society of Association Executives.

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