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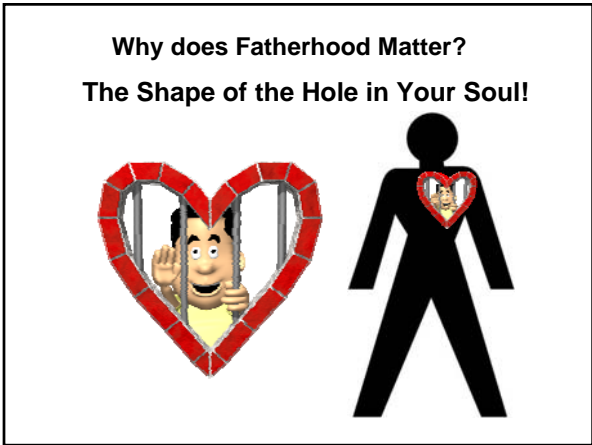
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What is this About?

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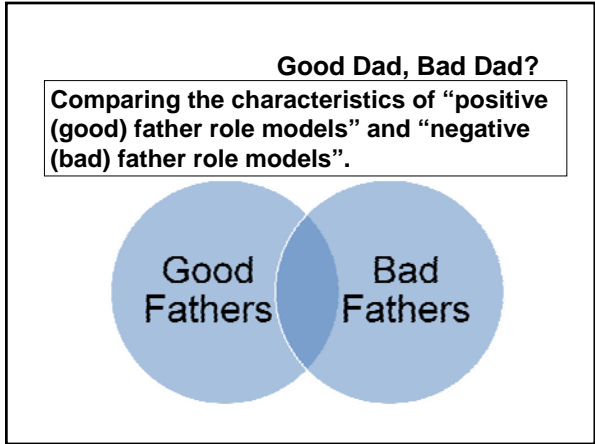
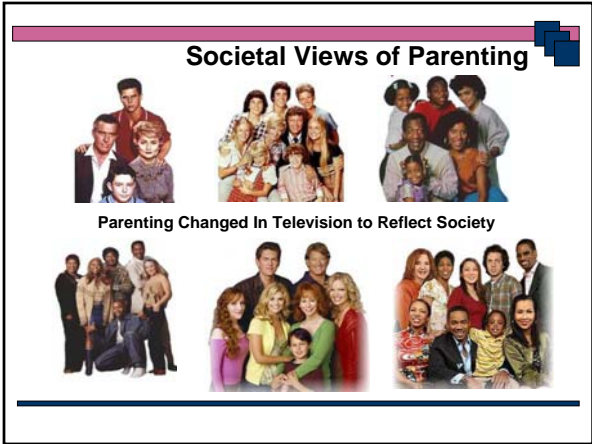
Emotionally Why do Fathers Matter?

Empowering Empty Inspirational
 Frustrating Emotional
 Enraged Loving Painful
 Defensive No Feeling
 Motivational Confused



What Is Responsible Fatherhood?

- Protector
- Provider
- Disciplinarian
- Breadwinner
- Leader
- Foundation
- Teacher
- Supporter
- Husband
- Mentor



How Much Time Do We Have For Parenting, Period!

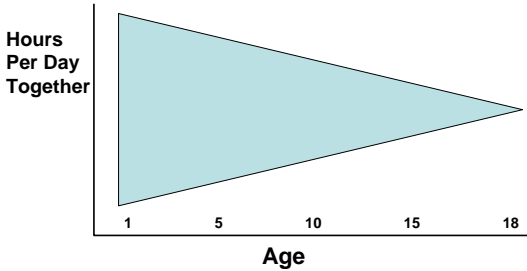


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Statistically Why Does Fatherhood Matter?

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes.
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes.
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

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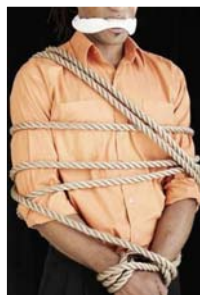
- Children who live absent their biological fathers are, on average, at least two to three times more likely to be poor, to use drugs, to experience educational, health, emotional and behavioral problems, to be victims of child abuse, and to engage in criminal behavior than their peers who live with their married, biological (or adoptive) parents.

Statistically Why Does Fatherhood Matter?

- Children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior, and avoid high-risk behaviors such as drug use, truancy, and criminal activity compared to children who have uninvolved fathers.

Obstacles in Work of Responsible Fatherhood

- Employment & Training
- Child Support
- Legal Advocacy
- Education
- Incarceration
- Relationship Building
- Parenting
- Conflict Resolution
- Addictions
- Support and Services
- Health (Mental, Physical and Spiritual)



What do we Know about Men's Health?

- On average, men live 5 years less than women
- 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women will develop cancer in their lifetime
- 1 in 6 men will get prostate cancer and approximately 28,000 men will die from the disease this year
- Men dies at higher rates from 9 of the top 10 causes of death
- Men make up over 92% of workplace deaths.



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 * Age-adjusted death rate per 100,000 population
 † Data for men only ‡ Data for women only § Number not reported by the Centers for Disease Control
 Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Health United States, 2007 with Chartbook on Trends in the Health of Americans Issues 175-181

Top Causes of Death by Race, Sex, and Ethnicity - 2004

Cause	All Persons	Men	Women	Ratio Men/Women	White	White, not Hispanic or Latino	Black or A.A.	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Hispanic or Latino
All causes	800.8	865.7	679.3	1.4	799.3	797.1	1,027.3	692.0	443.9	585.7
Diseases of the heart	217.0	267.9	177.3	1.5	213.3	216.3	280.6	148.0	117.8	196.4
Total	150.2	184.1	116.7	1.7	149.2	150.9	179.8	106.5	84.1	119.2
Ischemic heart disease	80.0	95.4	60.9	1.6	80.0	80.3	99.9	35.3	41.3	38.2
Cerebrovascular diseases	186.8	227.7	157.4	1.4	184.4	188.6	227.2	124.9	110.5	121.9
Total	63.2	70.1	40.9	1.7	63.8	66.0	89.8	36.0	28.2	32.4
Malignant neoplasms	18.0	21.8	15.3	1.4	17.6	17.8	24.7	12.1	11.3	12.6
Tobacco, bronchus, and lung	26.4*	26.4	N/A	---	23.4	23.6	55.5	16.0	11.4	19.1
Malignant neoplasms	34.4*	N/A*	24.4	---	23.9	24.5	32.2	14.8	12.7	15.6
Prostate	41.1	49.6	36.0	1.4	43.2	44.9	28.2	28.5	14.7	18.4
Breast	19.8	23.7	17.3	1.4	19.6	19.6	22.3	17.6	16.0	17.1
Chronic lower respiratory disease	9.0	12.6	5.8	2.2	9.2	8.7	7.9	22.7	3.2	14.0
Influenza and pneumonia	24.6	28.2	21.7	1.3	22.3	21.5	48.0	38.2	16.6	32.1
Any disease	4.6	6.8	2.4	2.8	4.9	20.4	2.9	10.7	5.3	
Unintentional injuries	37.7	62.1	24.6	2.5	38.8	39.7	36.3	53.1	16.7	29.8
Total	16.2	21.4	9.3	2.3	15.6	15.9	14.8	26.0	7.8	14.4
Motor vehicle-related injuries	19.8	18.0	4.8	4.8	12.0	12.9	5.3	12.2	5.8	9.0
 homicide	5.8	8.2	2.8	2.9	5.8	2.7	20.1	7.0	2.8	7.2

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Men's Health and Fatherhood?

- 61% of children over a year old and living with both biological parents have had a medical check-up.
- Children who live apart from their fathers are more likely to be diagnosed with asthma.
- Unmarried mothers are less likely to obtain prenatal care

Men's Health and Fatherhood?

- Expectant fathers can play a powerful role as advocates of breastfeeding.
- Children whose parents divorced before they are 21 years old have a shorter average life span.
- A father's overall health is better when he lives with his children.

National Fatherhood Initiative 24/7 Dad Training

Pilot Site Selected

NYC - STRIVE
 Key Partners: Fortune Society, Rockaway Redevelopment Corporation, St. Nicholas Neighborhood Corporation

NYC - Seedco
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Buffalo - Erie County DSS
 Lead Agencies: Erie Community College, Employment Opportunities Center (EOC)

Pilot Site Selected

Chautauqua County - Chautauqua DSS

Key Partners: Ross Innovative Employment Solutions, Center for Family Unity, Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Syracuse - Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (OCM-BOCES)

Key Partners: Center for Community Alternative, Westcott Community Center, Spanish Action League, Syracuse Model Neighborhood, Consortium for Children's Services

Things to Remember about Fathers!



- PARENT DIFFERENTLY
- LOVE THEIR CHILDREN
 - WANT THE BEST
- ADD TO SELF ESTEEM
- DISCIPLINE STRUCTURE
- ALLOW INDEPENDENCE
- INTRICAL TO PARENTING
 - NO MANUAL TO FATHERHOOD

Things to Remember about Fathers and Mothers!



- The ability to parent children successfully is a learned set of behaviors
- Fathers and mothers parent differently which results in two distinct approaches to parenting
- There are universal aspects of parenting that exist in all cultures.
- Any father, given the chance and information, and who has the desire, can learn to be a great dad and parent.

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