



NICHD FATHERHOOD OUTREACH MEETING

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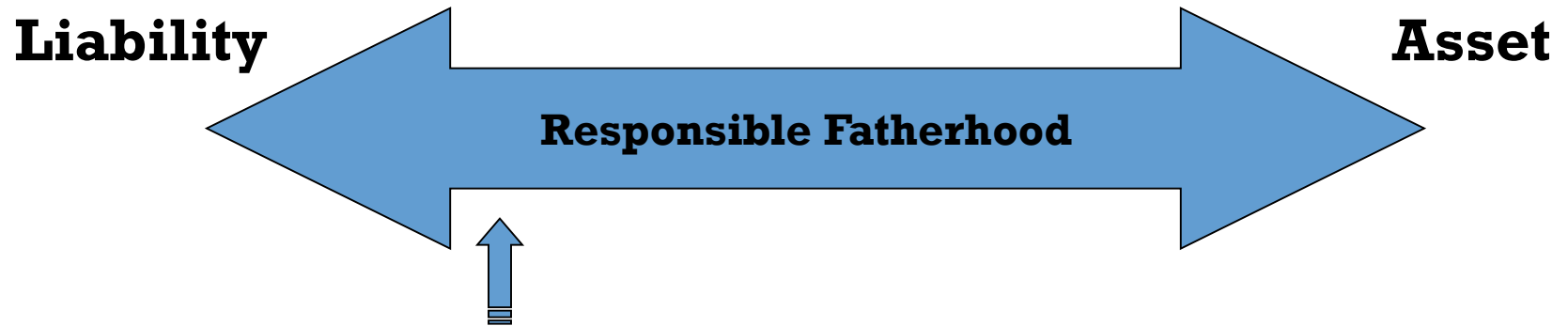
For the sake of the
rose the thorn must be
watered too!

African Proverb



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One way of looking at fatherhood

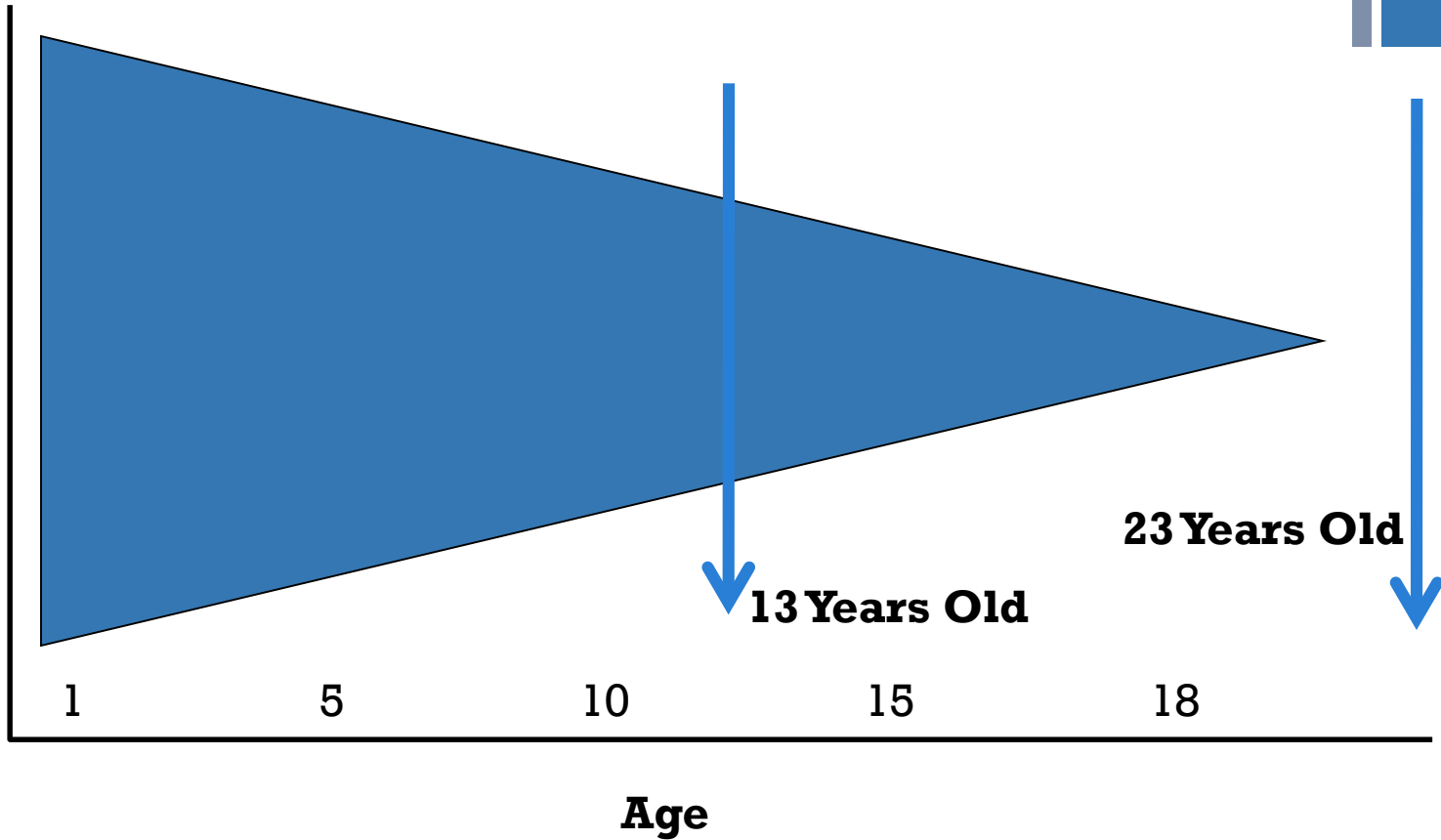




How Much Time Do We Have For Parenting, Period!



**Hours
Per Day
Together**





❑ Father absence *negatively impacts* child well-being

- Academic performance
- School behavior and attitudes
- Substance Abuse
- Teen Pregnancy
- Juvenile delinquency
- Self Esteem
- Interpersonal relationships
- Mental Health





The Impact of Fatherlessness on Children



- Five times more likely to be poor, 10 times more likely to be extremely poor
- Fatherless homes: 70% of juveniles in reform school and long term prison inmates
- Children from fatherless homes are two times more likely to be high school drop outs
- Fatherless children have more emotional and behavioral problems
- Girls from fatherless homes are three times as likely to be unwed teenage mothers (Adolescents in mother-only families are more likely to be sexually active, and daughters are more likely to become single-parent mothers)
- Boys from fatherless homes have higher incidents of unemployment, incarceration, and noninvolvement with their own children

Societal Barriers

- Employment & Training
- Child Support
- Legal Advocacy
- Education
- Incarceration
- Relationship Building
- Parenting
- Conflict Resolution
- Mental Health
- Racial Disparities
- Media and Societal Perception
- Support and Services



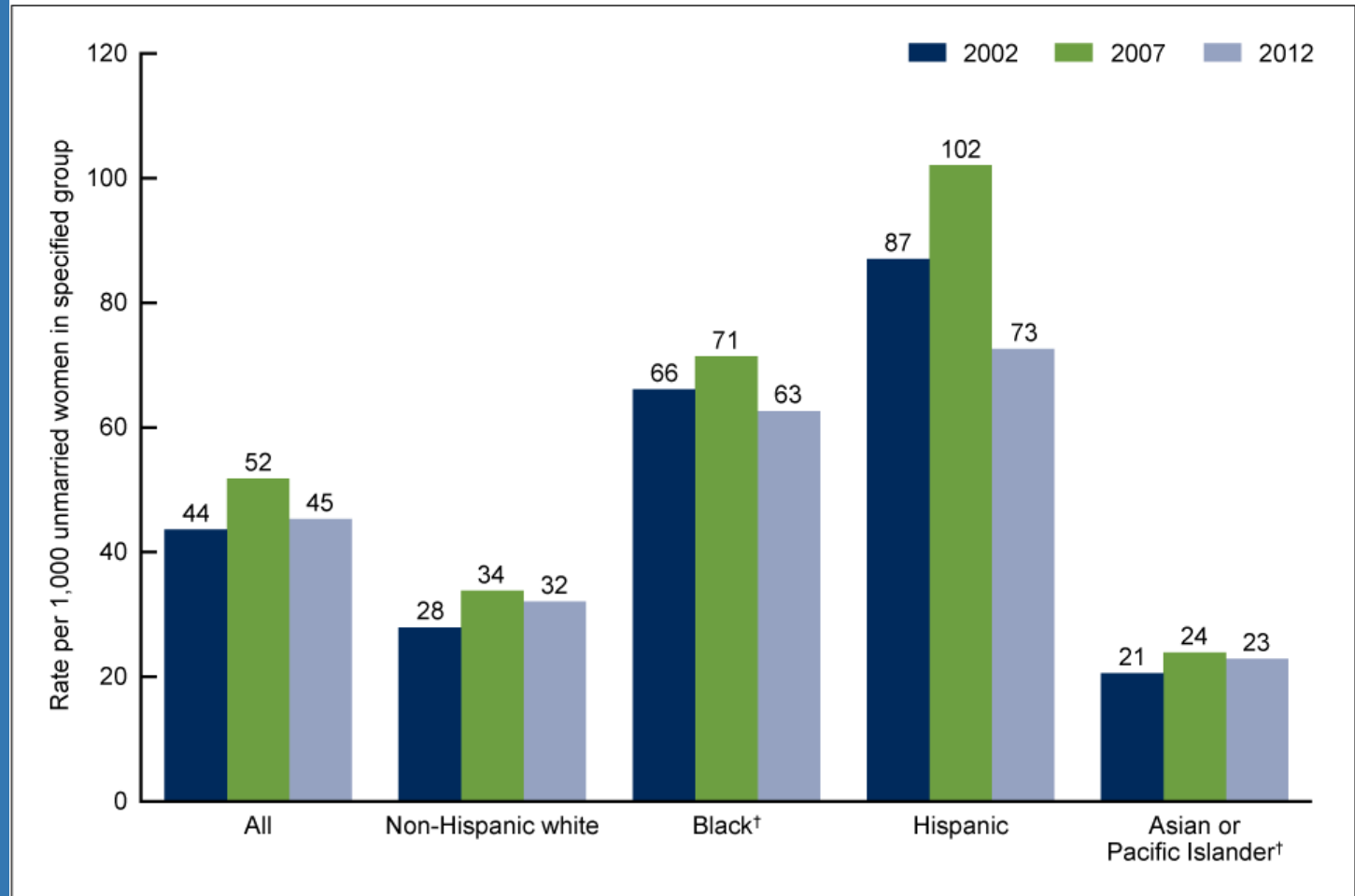


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Structural elements of
today's father

What you may not know or believe!

Non-Marital Birthrate is DECLINING

Figure 3. Birth rates for unmarried women, by race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2002, 2007, and 2012



† Trend data for black and Asian or Pacific Islander mothers by Hispanic origin are not available.

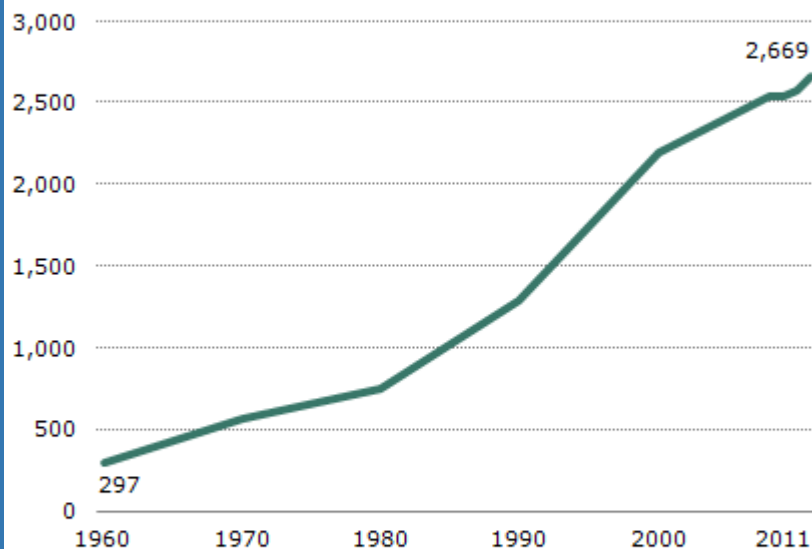
SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System.

Single Fathers

The number of single father households has increased about ninefold since 1960, from less than 300,000 to more than 2.6 million in 2011. In comparison, the number of single mother households increased more than fourfold during that time period, up to 8.6 million in 2011, from 1.9 million in 1960.

Rising Number of Single Father Households, 1960-2011

In thousands



Notes: Based on household heads ages 15 and older who have children younger than 18 in the household. Fathers who are married but their spouse is absent and those who are cohabiting with a non-marital partner are classified as single fathers.

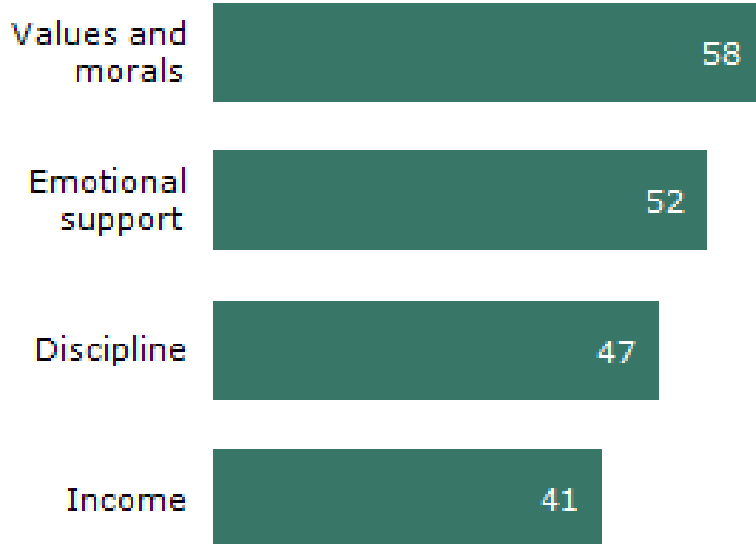
Source: Pew Research analysis of Decennial Census and American Community Survey (IPUMS)

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Changing Roles

A Father's Role

% who say it is "extremely important" for a father to provide this for his children



Notes: Percentage who said "Don't know/Refused" not shown. Based on full sample N=1,004.

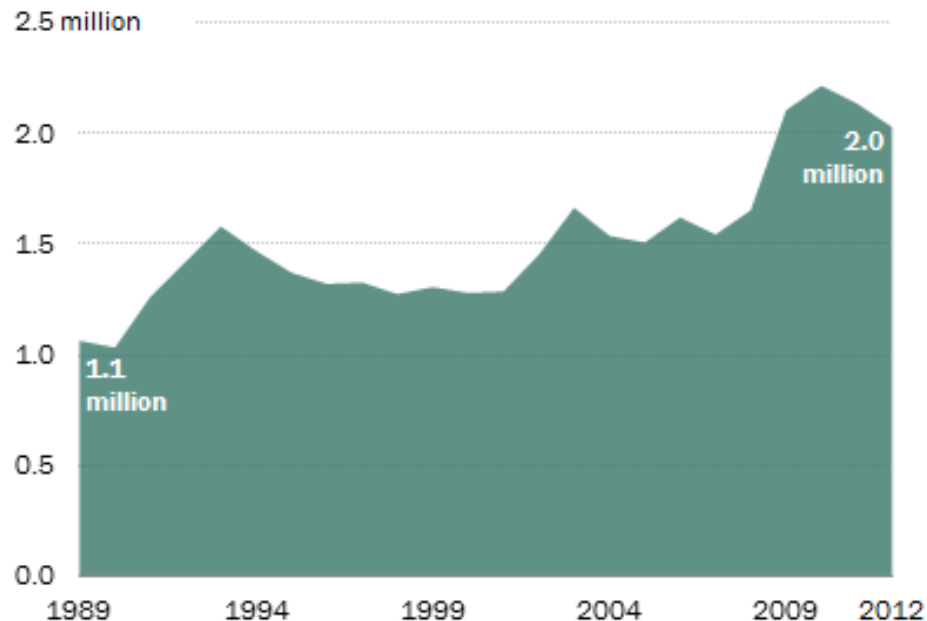
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About six-in-ten Americans (58%) say it is “extremely important” for a father to provide values and morals to his children, the top ranked paternal role of the four tested in the survey. Roughly half say it is extremely important for a dad to provide emotional support (52%) and discipline (47%). And just 41% say providing income for his children is one of a father’s most important responsibilities

Stay-at-Home Dads

Rising Number of Stay-at-Home Dads

Number of fathers living with child(ren) younger than 18 who do not work outside the home



Note: Based on fathers ages 18-69 with own child(ren) younger than 18 in the household. Fathers who live apart from their children are not included. Fathers are categorized based on employment status in the year prior to the survey.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of March Current Population Surveys Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS-CPS), 1990-2013

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The number of fathers who do not work outside the home has risen markedly in recent years, up to 2 million in 2012.

Critical Conversations: What Fathers Want You to Know

Men feel they can't be fathers unless the mothers of their children allow it.

86%

of dads say they spend more time with their children than their fathers did with them.

71%

agree that women don't give men enough credit.

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97%

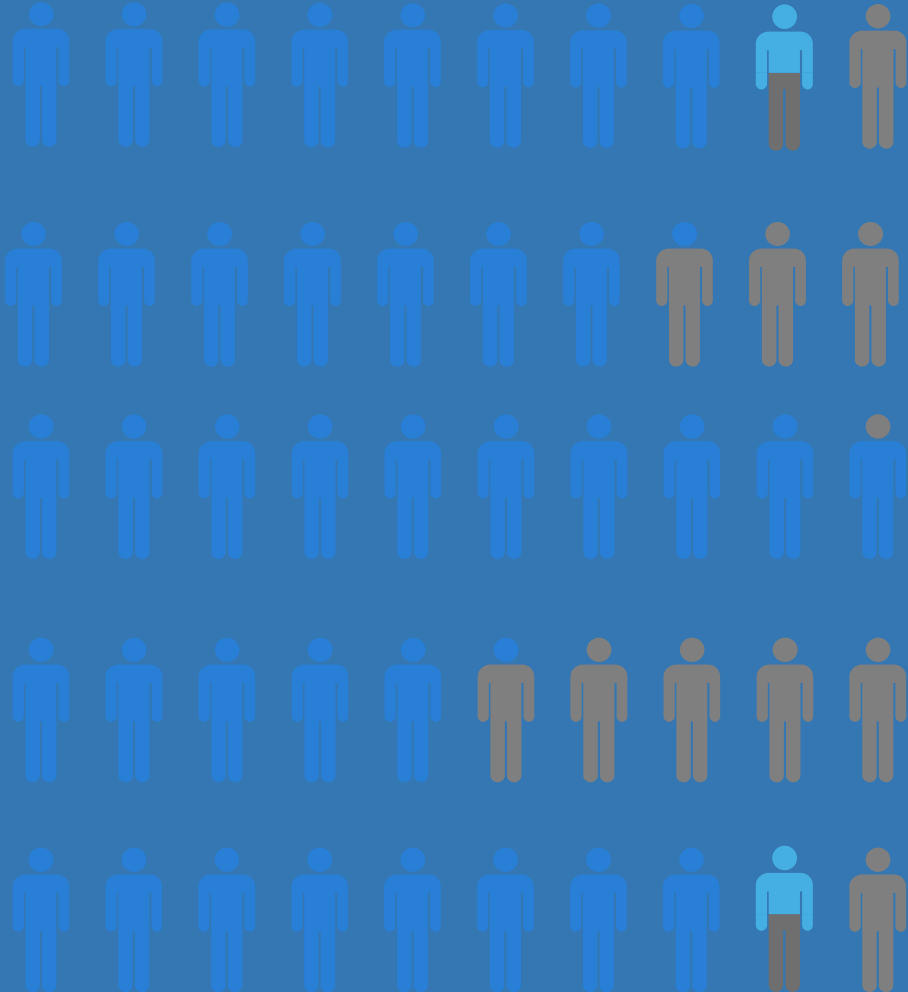
of dads agree that "The day my child/children was born was one of the best of my life"

51%

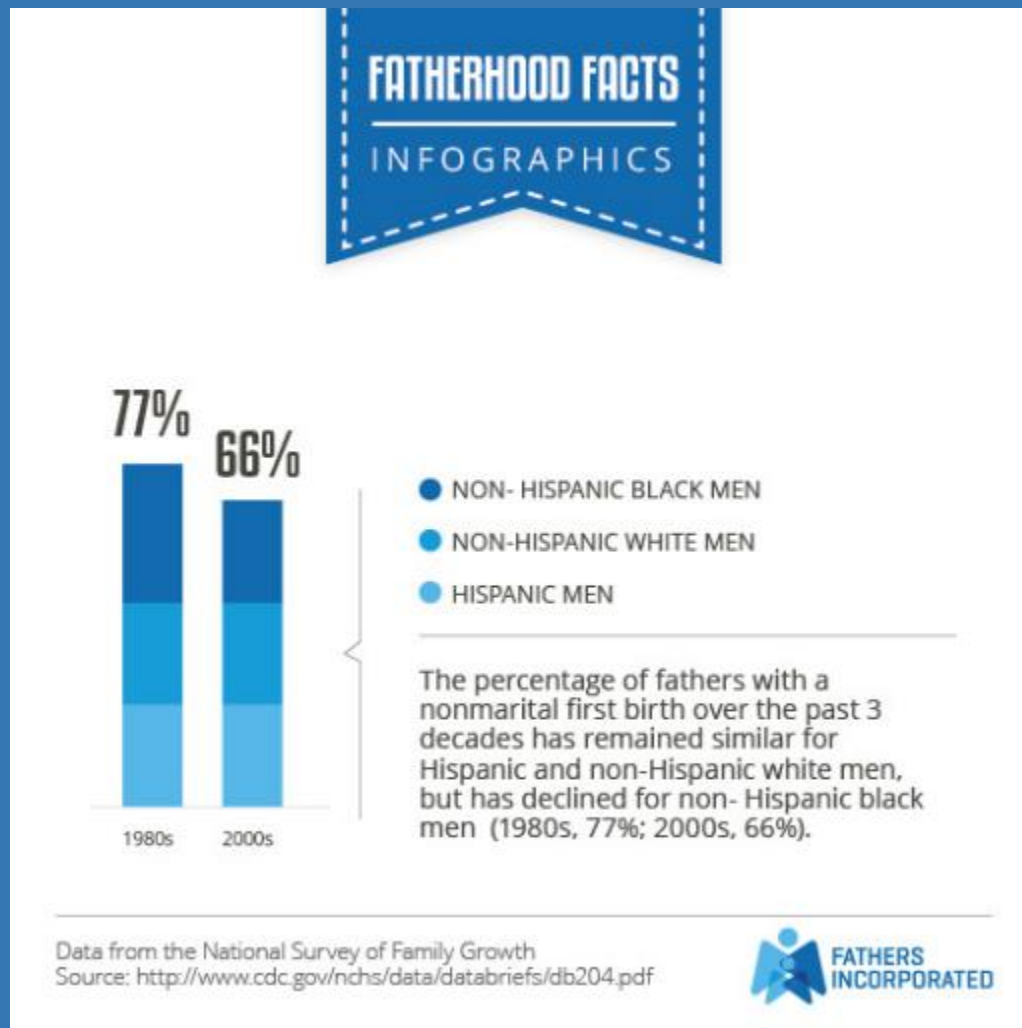
of dads agree that a better job or more money would make them a better father.

85%

of dads agree "I am more affectionate with my children than my father was with me when I was a child"



First Births for Black Men Declining



The percentage of fathers with a nonmarital first birth over the past 3 decades has remained similar for Hispanic and non-Hispanic white men, but has declined for non-Hispanic black men



Increasing Awareness with Men and Boys

- Barbershops
- National Campaigns ('Ties Never Broken & the Honorable man)
- Fatherhood Information Products
- The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy
- Responsible Fatherhood Organizations
- National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

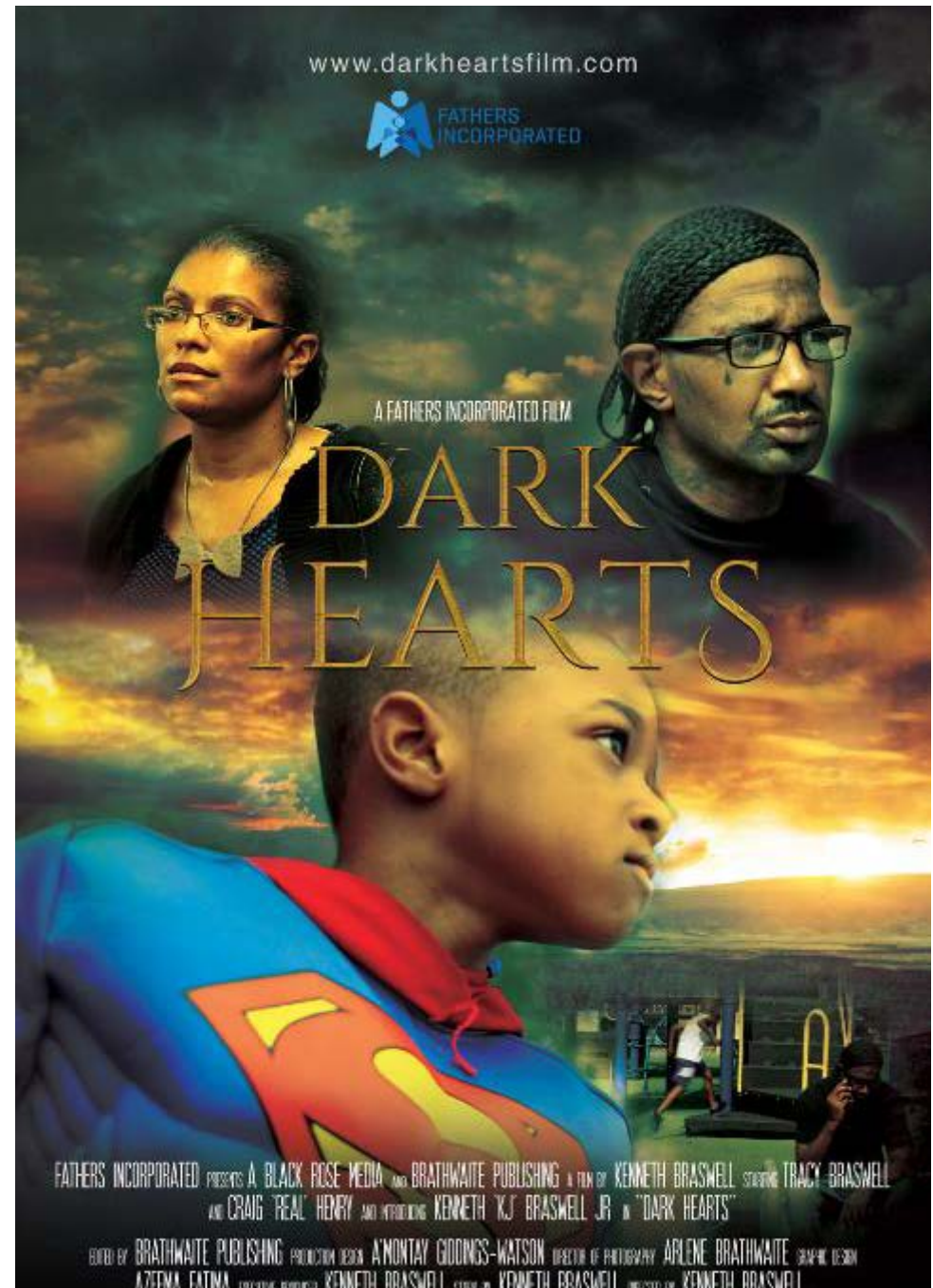




DARK HEARTS

Dark Hearts, a 20min silent short film is the depiction of the dynamics that take place between two low-income non-custodial parents with children. The story takes place in Brooklyn, New York over the course of a normal day. The film puts on display how incremental incidents and scenarios can create an unrealistic reality for two parents who live their lives in an interpersonal and psychological parenting bubble.

www.darkheartsfilm.com



Understanding Men Make a Difference



PARENT DIFFERENTLY
LOVE THEIR CHILDREN
CRITICAL TO PARENTING
APPROACH THE TALK
BOYS .vs GIRLS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHI
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**Men can have a
+ significant impact on
our children**

**HOWEVER, YOU
HAVE TO
BELIEVE THEY
CAN!**

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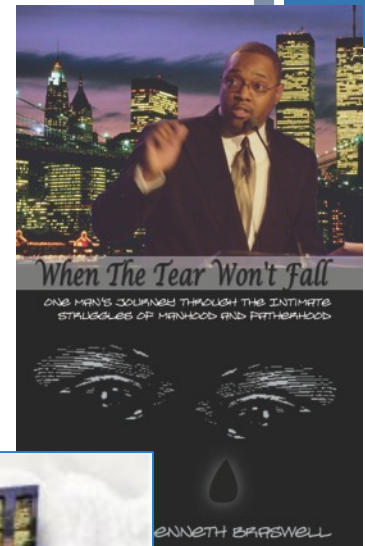
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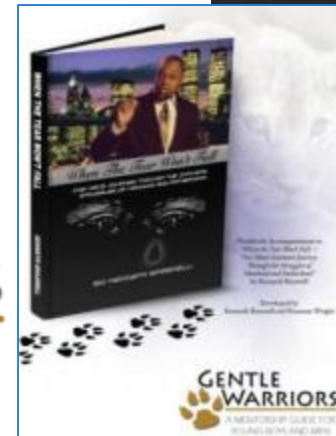
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