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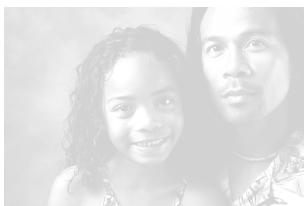
## *The 2006 Fatherhood Initiative: Turning the heart of the fathers to the children, the hearts of the children to their fathers!*

### **Fatherhood**

The first assumption is that everyone knows how to be an effective father, and such a simple topic as fatherhood needs no specific or rudimentary development.

According to Erikson, developmental psychologist, "Healthy and fulfilled adults all have an important characteristic. In common, they work to ensure that the world will be a better place for all of our children".

"They (fulfilled adults)



*Their Family are the first victims of fathers and mothers that are incarcerated.*

make sacrifices to nurture and guide the next generation". Erikson labels such individuals generative men and women. Erik Erikson

*(excerpts from COGIC Scholars Advocate)*

*The Center for Reconciliation seeks to focus on how to encourage and to produce more effective fathering.*

*The approach, "our opportunity" A lack of effective fathering" effects more than "the poor, minority families or is "a single parent / mothers" problem.*

We must "turn the

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*heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth*

*with a curse." (Malachi 4:6) If not we just might be frosting (allowing to grow up) a society where parenting is a matter of just*

**having or supporting babies, and growing Up disconnected, Unfulfilled adults.**

For more on this teaching:  
[www.fatherhood.socialchangenow.org](http://www.fatherhood.socialchangenow.org)

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This resource and others available:  
<http://fatherhood.socialchangenow.org/>

*"Over 30,000,000 children in the U.S. do not have a father living with them and over one-third will not see their father at all in the next twelve months".*

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services



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**Father Absence**

Father's absence, whether physical and/or emotional,

is a critical problem in our country today.

Currently, more than 27 million children-39% of all US children-now live apart from their father.

In a typical year, well over one-third of these children won't even see their dad. More than half of all European-American children and

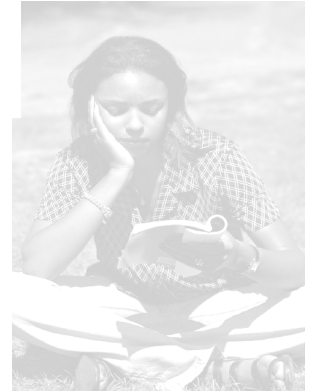
three-quarters of all African-American children born since 1975 will live some portion of their formative years with only one parent; and in the vast majority of these cases, it's the father who is absent.

Research shows that the costs of father's absence are high.

**Key findings**

of several studies in recent years show that:

- Children with little or no contact with their fathers are more likely to drop out of school.
- Become involved in drug and alcohol abuse.
- Girls are more likely to become pregnant as teens.



Over 71% of high school drop outs are from **fatherless homes"**

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This is a excerpts from The Fatherhood Initiative

More resource available:

**Father's absence, whether physical and or emotional, is critical Today!**

- Boys are more likely to become involved in crime and violence.
- While father-absence is not the only variable contributing to these kinds of social problems neither can it be ignored.

In short, fathers play a

key role in the successful socialization of children.

Unfortunately, even when a father is physically present in the home, he may be emotionally absent.

**Three major emphases are identified in the literature on father absence:**

The impact of father absence on

- intellectual or
- Effects on Academic achievement,

**The impact of father Absence on**

- Gender-specific development, And general behavioral adjustment and aggression in male children. Beyond the emotional and behavioral consequences of father absence:

**There are striking**

- Economic consequences for the children.
- Over **65 percent** of children living with never-married mothers are living below the poverty line.

This compares with **10 percent** of children living in two-parent families.

**There are emotional and behavioral consequences of absence Fathers...**

