

MALE INVOLVEMENT

What is it

Why do we care

How do we get it

Background on us

Why The Sudden Focus on Dads?

- ✓ National PTA has a conference just about dads
- ✓ President Obama talking about father involvement
- ✓ National Fatherhood initiative
- ✓ The US Department of Justice
- ✓ The US Department of Education
- ✓ State of Colorado Fatherhood Council - a division of human services.

Why Do We Want Dads Involved?

According to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 24 million children in America -- one out of three -- live in biological father-absent homes.

Consequently, there is a "father factor" in nearly all of the social issues facing America today.

Funny Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R55e-uHQna0>

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- Father involvement is related to positive cognitive, developmental and socio-behavioral child outcomes.
- Positive father – child relationships are associated with reduced risk of engagement in multiple risky behaviors.
- Kids who's Dad's are involved at school are less apt to be bullied.

Source: National Fatherhood Initiative

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When dads are involved kids are generally:

- more confident and less anxious in unfamiliar settings
- better able to deal with frustration
- more likely to mature into compassionate adults
- more likely to have higher self-esteem

Source: National Center For Fathering

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When Dads are involved, we don't need to be.

- US Department of Justice

Why Do We Want Dads Involved?

- 85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes.
 - Source US Dept Of Justice
- The likelihood that a young male will engage in criminal activity doubles if he is raised without a father.
 - Source: A. Anne Hill, June O'Neill, *Underclass Behaviors in the United States*, CUNY, Baruch College.

Common Reasons Dads Don't Get Involved

- Some Dads shy away from school because:
 - ✓ Bad school experience as a kid
 - ✓ “Mom takes care of school stuff”
 - ✓ I am “too busy”
 - ✓ They are intimidated
 - ✓ They are unsure what to do
 - ✓ They feel unwelcome at school
 - ✓ Fear of loosing their “Man Card”

How Do I Get Dads Involved?

- Dads Want:
 - to have fun with their kids
 - to know what to do
 - to hang out with other dads
 - to see how they are helping
 - want to know more about what is going on at school
- Dads don't want:
 - to have a meeting and talk about it
 - make photocopies

Video Time

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8xcBmj1sn8>

Ways to Involve Dads

- All Pro Dad
- Watch Dog Dads
- InvolveDad

Q&A

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