



# Dad's Involvement during pregnancy positively influences health outcomes for mom, dad, and baby.

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# THE FATHER ABSENCE CRISIS IN AMERICA

There is a crisis in America. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 24 million children in America—one out of three—live without their biological father in the home. Consequently, there is a “father factor” in nearly all of the societal ills facing America today. Research shows when a child is raised in a father-absent home, he or she is affected in the following ways...

**TEEN PREGNANCY**  
7X MORE LIKELY TO BECOME PREGNANT AS TEEN



**CHILD ABUSE**  
MORE LIKELY TO FACE ABUSE AND NEGLECT



**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**  
MORE LIKELY TO ABUSE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL



**CHILD OBESITY**  
2X MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER OBESITY



**EDUCATION**  
2X MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL



**POVERTY**  
4X GREATER RISK OF POVERTY



**BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS**  
MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS



**MOM-CHILD HEALTH**  
2X GREATER RISK OF INFANT MORTALITY



**INCARCERATION**  
MORE LIKELY TO GO TO PRISON



**CRIME**  
MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIME



**MILLION CHILDREN WITHOUT THEIR FATHER AT HOME**

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