

Dear Friends,

Research from around the world repeatedly shows that strong marriages are integral to a well-functioning society. This week's highlights reiterate the financial and health benefits of married families. You can make a difference in strengthening marriages by promoting "Marriage Education Programs." Check out our featured Marrisonia entry to learn about this effective antidote to family brokenness.

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Effectiveness of Marriage Education Programs

Dozens of studies have shown that marriage education programs help teach couples communication skills, reduce strife, and minimize future break-up. Read more on [Marrisonia](#)!

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Single Mothers & Extended Family Support

A [report](#) commissioned by PEW Charitable Trusts indicates that single mothers are more likely to rely financially on their social networks, and are more likely to worry about paying for their child's expenses. Learn more about single mothers on [Marrisonia](#).



Hispanic Children in Need

Elizabeth Wildsmith, Director of the National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families, and colleagues [show](#) that Hispanic children in non-intact families are more likely to be in deeper poverty than those in intact families. Read more about the state of the Hispanic family on [Marrisonia](#).



Marriage & Cancer Survival

Lori DuBenske, a cancer psychologist at the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center, [explains](#) why married cancer patients are 20 percent less likely to die from the diseases than their unmarried counterparts. Check out other health benefits of marriage on [Marrisonia](#).

Sincerely,

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