

Dear Friends,

This week we highlight new research on fatherhood, violence and marriage education programs.

NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Father Absence, Delinquency, and Depression

The later in a child's life that the father departs from the family, the greater the increase in adolescent delinquency. This family disruption leads to a decline in parental monitoring and involvement. Father departure affects depressive symptoms less so, but causes subclinical levels of psychological pain, [according](#) to Anna Markowitz and Rebecca Ryan of Georgetown University.



Neighborhood Violence and Parental Support

Adolescents' ability to control their anger and sadness—skills acquired through parental acceptance, support, openness, and emotion coaching—decreases neighborhood violence. Therefore, low income at-risk youth especially need involved parents to help them navigate their turbulent environment, [report](#) Michael Criss and Amanda Morris of Oklahoma State University.



Couple Relationship Education Programs

Couple Relationship Education (CRE) Programs improve all women's relationships, but particularly those in more unstable relationships. Men benefit regardless of relationship vulnerability, [says](#) Julianne McGill and Francesca Adler-Baeder of Auburn University.

MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) [“Effects of Fatherless Families on Crime Rates”](#)
- 2) [“Effects of Parental Discipline on Crime Rates”](#)
- 3) [“Effectiveness of Marriage Education Programs”](#)

With an eye to the future of America,

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