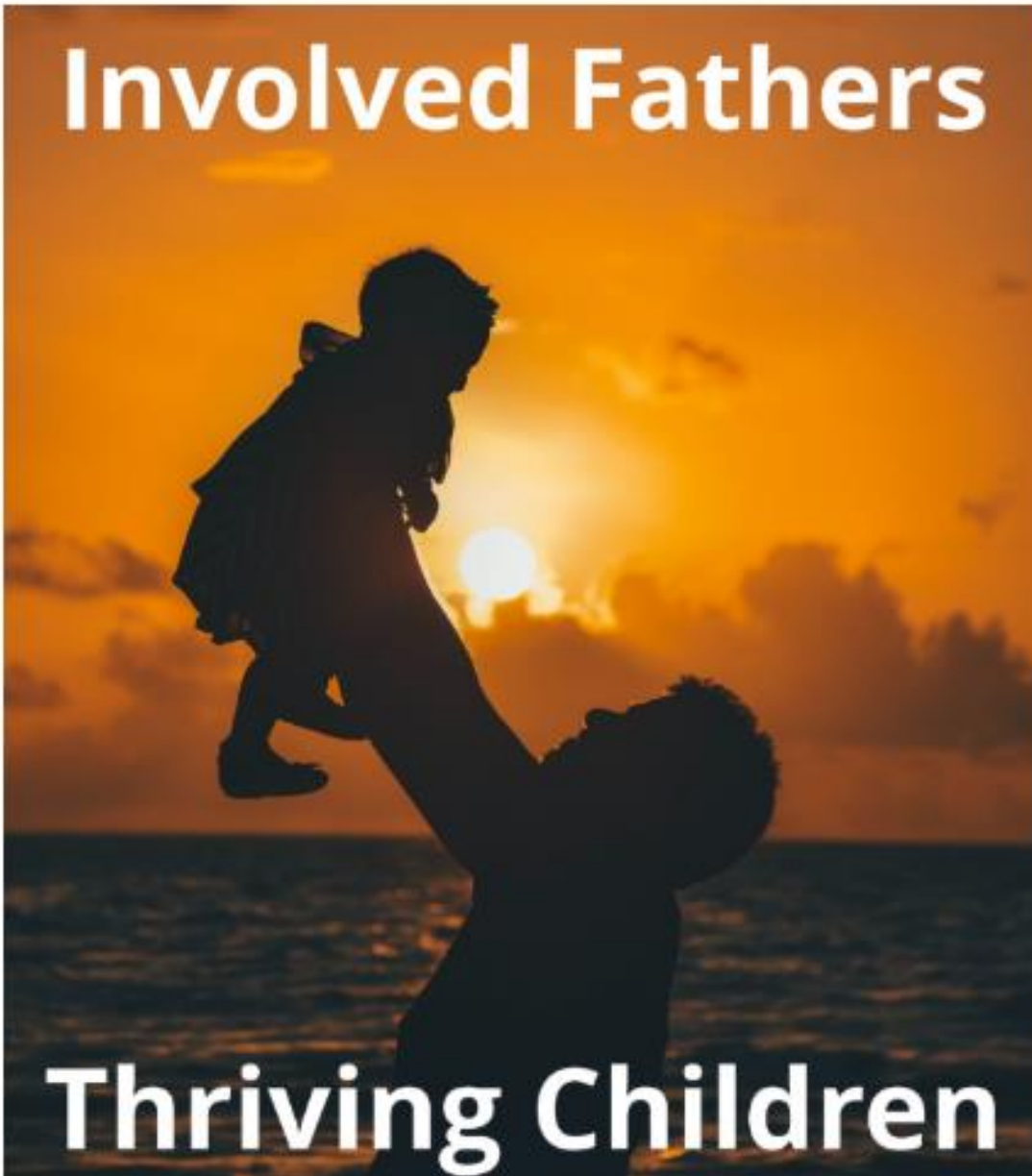


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Involved Fathers



Thriving Children

"Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad, and that's why I call you dad, because you are so special to me. You taught me the game and you taught me how to play it right."-Wade Boggs, MLB Star

Paternal Involvement Increases Child Well-Being



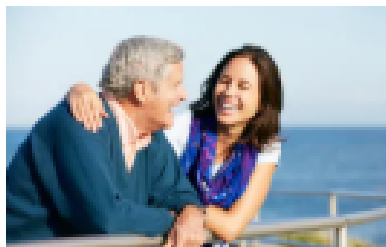
A [2018 study](#) reports that fathers involved in their children's lives have children with better cognitive, emotional, social, and behavioral development, and better physical health.

Paternal Involvement Decreases Bad Behavior



A [national longitudinal study](#) found that during adolescence, children of involved fathers are less likely to commit acts of delinquency and less likely to abuse substances such as alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana.

Parental Involvement Delays Daughter's Sexual Activity



Dads become the arbiters of sexual behavior during adolescence. This is most acutely felt by their teenage daughters, who take fewer [sexual risks](#) if they have a strong bond with their dads.

Caring, Involved Fathers Are Most Likely to be Seen Among Married Couples



Caring, involved fathers exist outside of marriage. They are more likely to be found in the context of [marriage](#), which connects a father to a family unit.