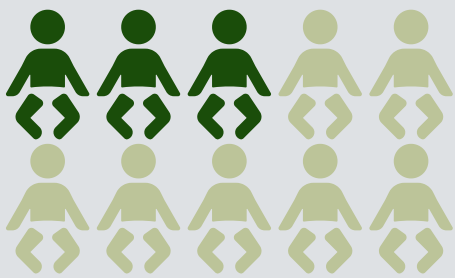


All About DADS



DEFINING DAD



3 in 10 children in America currently live without their biological fathers

'Dad' can include not just a biological father, but also father-figures, such as stepfathers, extended family members (grandfather, uncle, older brother) & legal guardians

Dads that don't live with their children can and often are involved in their children's lives through efforts like supporting the child's extracurricular activities (driving them to practices, attending performances), playing together, attending their child's doctor's appointments and health check-ups, providing financial support, and informal contact (calls, texts, video)



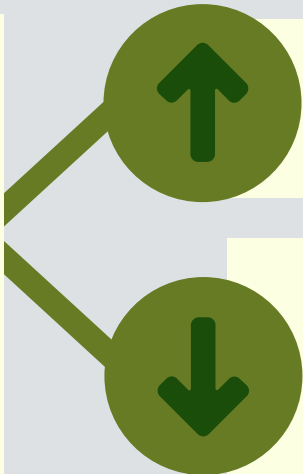
DADS MATTER

Children with involved fathers or father-figures tend to experience greater psychosocial development

Kids with involved fathers or male adult father-figures tend to experience lower levels of aggression, lower levels of depression, improved scores at school, higher self-esteem, and higher self-concept. Play styles that dads commonly use has been found to promote kids' independence and exploration of the outside world

DADS & CHILD WELFARE

Multiple analyses of child welfare cases across America have found that involving fathers who don't live with their children in case planning and program activities positively impacts a range of case outcomes



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