



THE PROFOUND COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS ON LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

The Vicious Legacy Cycle Can Be Broken

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Finding A Cause Bigger Than Self

Family Assets-to-Community Assets For Legacy Building





THE PROBLEMS OF LONG-TERM EFFECTIVE HEALTHY COMMUNITY & FAMILY LIFE

- INTENSIFIED WITH ABSENT FATHERS

Two Generation Changes in Family Formation

Only **5%** of children born in the United States were to unmarried mothers

1960

44% of children born in the United States were to unmarried mothers

2014

50% of all of children born in the United States were to unmarried mothers under 30

2014

57% Hispanic mothers were unmarried to the father of their child

2014

72% African American mothers were unmarried to the father of their child

2014

United States has the highest unmarried rate with children under **18** than any “western industrial” nation

2016

In 2015 A Rise Of Single Fathers With Children Ages 0-6

1 **17%** of single parents were fathers;

2

Up to **26%** Single-father only homes in high-risk communities (extreme poverty 300% ~ 150% below poverty);

3

Over **2 million** single fathers in 2013;



ONLY 64% OF CHILDREN IN THE US LIVE WITH BOTH OF THEIR PARENTS

In 2015, 9.5 million non-resident fathers in United States, but they are more likely to have contact with their children than non-resident fathers in the 1970s and 1980s.

Over 90% of unmarried fathers are present at the child's birth or visit while the mother and newborn are in the hospital.

By the time the children are five years old, 50% of father still have contact with their children.

By the time the children were nine years old, 20% of non-resident fathers spent time with their children several days a week.

67% of Black Fathers don't live with their children
59% of White Fathers don't live with their children





OUT OF BALANCE

The Absent Black Father Myth

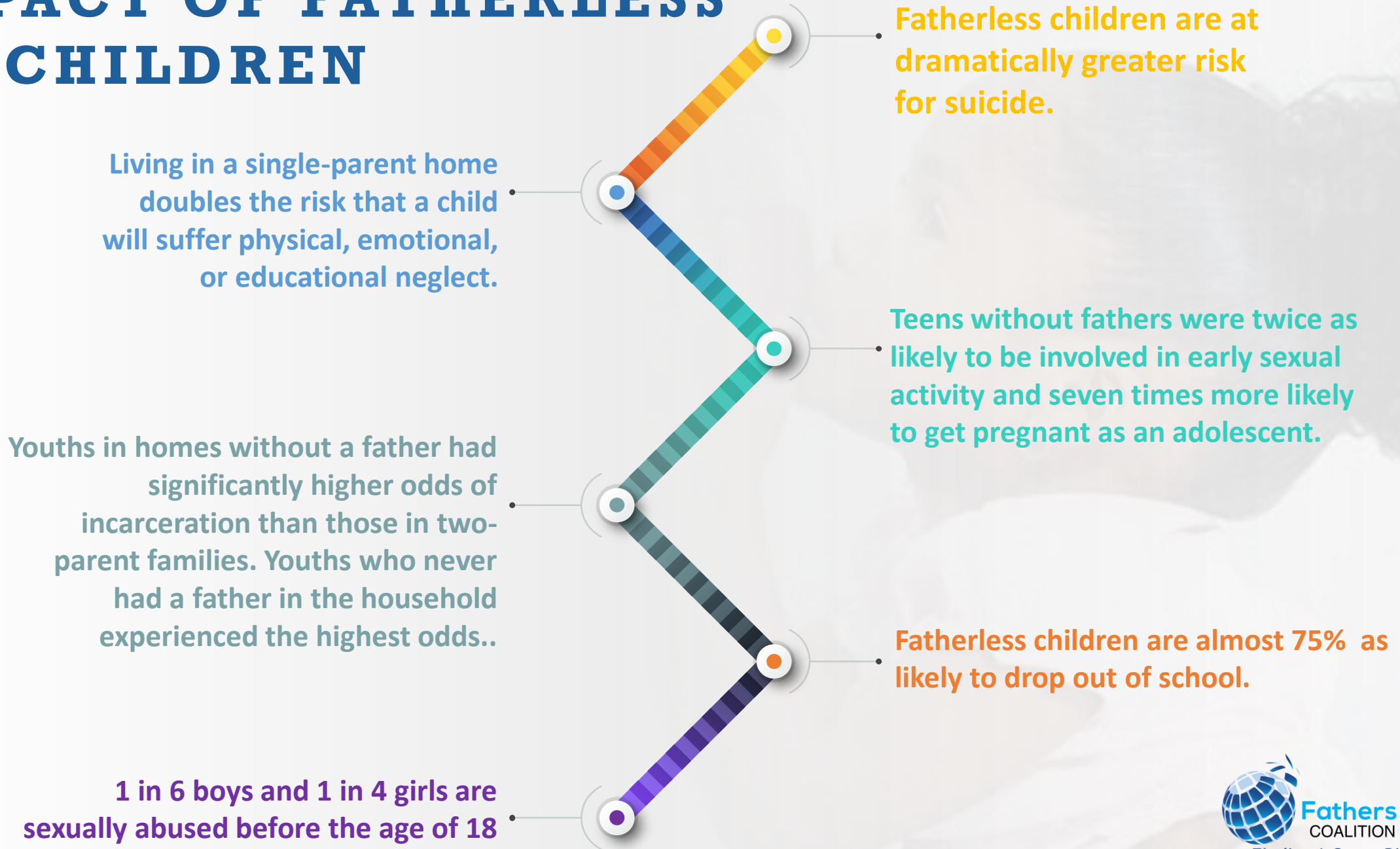
2013 Center For Disease Control Study of Fathers

In every category, Black Fathers of children 0-5 are most involved in daily activities with their children compared to all fathers

Drastically dropping with children over age 5, Why?

- There are more nonresidential Black Fathers
- Disproportionate incarcerated fathers
- Disproportionate poverty
- Disproportionate Vicious Cycle

IMPACT OF FATHERLESS TO CHILDREN





More than **2 million** teens are arrested every year

01



Over **200,000** will be incarcerated

02



85% come from fatherless homes

03



60% come from poverty

04



53% have a family member incarcerated

05



45% have been reported being victims of abuse

06



70% will be arrested again

07



80% of children in the child-welfare system will be arrested/incarcerated

08

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

TIME DOES NOT STAND STILL-DISCONNECTION

Lack Of Readiness

- Under-diagnosis of Adverse Childhood Experiences with Adult Trauma
- Incarcerated individuals have not received services to appropriately assist with these needs.
- The lack of prerelease services to address the latter have a direct impact on the

Pre-release Services For Building Trust

- Advances in technologies that are essential in new job markets
- Continuums of training that makes them viable candidates.
- A key to successful reentry is job placement and the ability to provide for himself and family.
- Offenders that gain the opportunity to earn a marketable industry credential pre release or within the first 9 months of release are more likely to succeed.

Family And Community Support

Disconnected From Their Families

Over 50% of incarcerated adults are parents of minor children

Increases generational negative outcomes for children



Many of their children's critical and formative years.

No family contact brings ex-offenders consistent challenges that has a detrimental, devastating effect with sentencing five plus years.

REPLICATING EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS

Fathers Support Center of St. Louis

It Is Not One Institutions Resolve Recidivism.

- Essential Elements Include:
 - Family Reunification,
 - Personal Responsibility,
 - Healthy Relationship,
 - Effective & Meaningful Training Credentialing
 - Employment Placement,
 - Housing Referrals And Assistance
 - The State Of Missouri's St. Louis Transitional Center Co-located at FSC
 - FSC Staff -The Bridge To Family, Employment And Community-life



SOLUTIONS

Last year, approximately 650,000 inmates were released from American prisons roughly 40% will return in less than three years.

Effective and Funded Programs at the local level are the solution to help ex-offenders such as PACT parolee and FSC programs with recidivism under 30%



They specialized training; Ex-offenders usually don't have the type of cutting-edge skills employers are looking for. Few employers are willing to train uneducated and unskilled employees from the ground up.

Even fewer are willing to invest such time and effort in an individual who was formerly incarcerated.

The National GAINS Center for People with Co-Occurring Disorders in Contact With the Justice System, for example, has identified four key components to promoting successful re-integration, sometimes referred to as the "APIC" model. These include:



Assessment



Planning



Identifying



Coordinating

A person with dark hair tied back, wearing a green t-shirt, is sitting at a table in a room with large, multi-paned windows. They are looking down and to the left, with their hand near their chin in a thoughtful pose. The background is slightly blurred, showing the grid pattern of the window panes. The overall lighting is soft and natural.

LISTEN TO
VOICES OF
ALPHONSO AND
CLYDE

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

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2020 Census Will Continue To Count Prisoners Where They Are Incarcerated

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Disconnected from their Communities

3



Contracted Corrections: CoreCivic The GEO Group

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H.R.1757/S.774 - Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Act of 2017

RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS FOR FELONS

NEVER LOSE RIGHT TO VOTE	LOST ONLY WHILE INCARCERATED AUTOMATIC RESTORATION AFTER RELEASE	LOST UNTIL COMPLETION OF SENTENCE (PAROLE AND/OR PROBATION) AUTOMATIC RESTORATION AFTER	LOST UNTIL COMPLETION OF SENTENCE IN SOME STATES A POST-SENTENCING WAITING PERIOD ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUIRED FOR RESTORATION (1)
Maine	District of Columbia	Alaska	Alabama
Vermont	Hawaii	Arkansas	Arizona
	Illinois	California (2)	Delaware
	Indiana	Colorado	Florida
	Maryland (3)	Connecticut	Iowa
	Massachusetts	Georgia	Kentucky
	Michigan	Idaho	Mississippi
	Montana	Kansas	Nebraska
	New Hampshire	Louisiana	Nevada
	North Dakota	Minnesota	Tennessee
	Ohio	Missouri	Virginia
	Oregon	New Jersey	Wisconsin
	Pennsylvania	New Mexico	Wyoming
	Rhode Island	New York (4)	
	Utah	North Carolina	
		Oklahoma	
		South Carolina	
		South Dakota	
		Texas	
		Washington	
		West Virginia	