

THE IMPORTANCE OF FATHER INVOLVEMENT

Fathers Matter

Children benefit in many ways if their dads are involved in their lives. A positive father-child relationship can improve a child's social skills, grades, and health.

In addition, a healthy relationship between mom and dad makes it significantly more likely that a child will benefit from times spent with their dads.

Research shows that the children who grow up with involved fathers:

Do Better in School

- Are 39% more likely to earn mostly A's in school
- Are 45% less likely to repeat a grade
- Are 60% less likely to be suspended or expelled from school
- Score approximately 8 points higher on math and reading tests
- Score 6 points higher on IQ tests
- Are twice as likely to go to college and find stable employment after high school

And in Life!

- Are 75% less likely to have a teen birth
 - Are 80% less likely to spend time in jail
 - Are half as likely to experience multiple symptoms of depression
 - Are 4% less likely to experience cognitive delay



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