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# Father Involvement

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### Why Fatherhood?

- The US is the worldwide leader in fatherlessness (nearly 1 in 4)
- South Carolina has the highest rate of single parent homes in the US (40%)
- 8 of the 10 poorest counties in SC also have the highest rates of single parent homes



### Why Fatherhood?

- Children from single parent homes are more likely to experience poverty, depression, incarceration, poor school performance, substance abuse, etc.
- Mothers that receive support from the father are less likely to experience premature birth, depression, and the negative outcomes related to stress
- Stressful relationships can cause negative outcomes for children (even in the womb)





### Increasing Father Involvement

- 1. Encourage father involvement early in the maternal process
- 2. Engage the father in maternal activities
- 3. Educate fathers on their importance (you are needed)







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