

Non-Custodial Fathers Support Services

Negative Affect on Children and the Father-Child Relationships of Rigorous Child Support Enforcement

Incarceration Reduces Earning Power

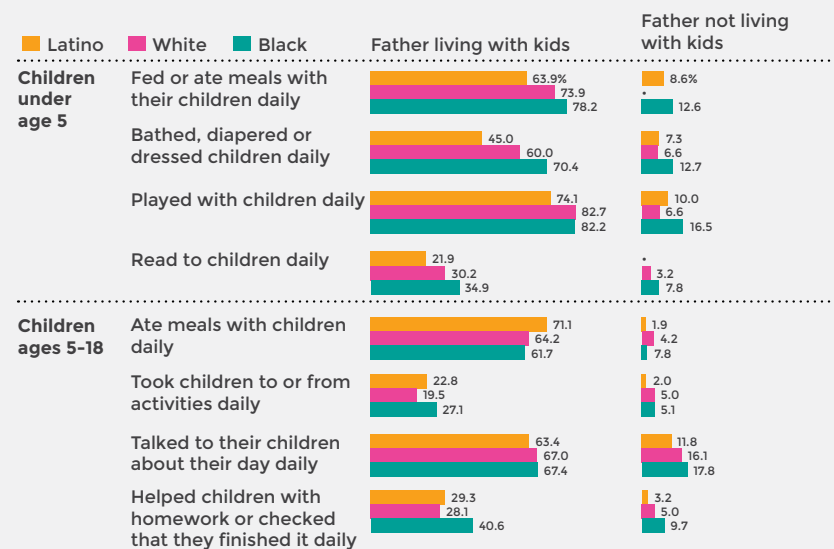
Estimated effect of incarceration on male wages, weeks worked, and annual earnings, predicted at age 45



Source: Original analysis for The Pew Charitable Trusts by Bruce Western and Becky Pettit, 2009.

Being an Involved Dad

By most measures, black fathers are just as involved with their children as other dads in similar living situations - or more so - according to a new report by the National Center for Health Statistics.



NOTE: Many differences between white, black or Latino fathers were not statistically significant due to margins of error. Fathers who live with some children and live apart from others were asked separately about each set of children and their different answers were counted in the two different categories. *Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision. Source: National Center for Health Statistics

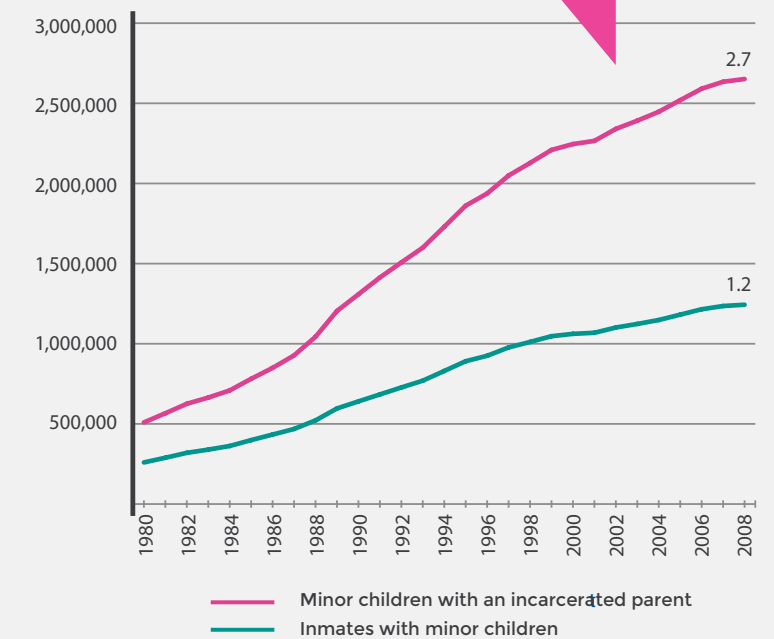


“ We know you think we’re too young to know anything at our age; but we know that our daddy loves us and wants to spend more time with us. But some states make it hard for him to focus his love and attention on us, because they think he is not doing enough to support us. They put his picture in a paper called “Deadbeat Dads” and they have even come up with laws that freezes his bank account, take money from his paycheck and income tax, suspend his driver license, and even put him in jail for trying to do the best that he knows how to do. He tells my mom that it’s all her fault and not together. (He’s get confused and upset when they argue about money and him not being as involved as she wants him to be. Other people say bad things about him and try to prevent him from visiting me, but when I do see him he reads to me, plays with me, acts goofy, and even baths me sometimes when he gets off work. He’s not perfect; but he’s my dad and he is mine! - all mine! So please; stop assuming that he doesn’t love me and making him feel that he should just give-up and not come around. Please develop programs to help him be a better man and a better father; OK? THANK YOU!! ”



Rising Numbers of Children with Incarcerated Parents

Minor children outnumber incarcerated parents by more than 2 to 1



When Fathers and Children Live Separately

% with children 18 or younger



Note: Based on fathers who are living apart from at least one child 18 or younger. Frequencies are for the prior year. "Don't know/Refused" responses not show. Source: Pew Research Center calculations of the 2006-08 National Survey of Family Growth

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