

Using Children as a Tactic of Control

- Committing violence in front of the children
- Telling children their mother is crazy and to blame for the violence
- Threatening to sue for custody if she leaves
- Abducting children
- Killing children

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Impact of offenders violent behavior on his children


- Child saw/heard
- Child Felt
- How Child Might Act as a Result
- What Child Needs From Me

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Accountability

- Who in my children's life was affected?
- How were they affected?
- How can I be accountable in future interactions?
- Think of three things you can do to be accountable to your children.
- Think of three ways that your accountability can help your children.

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IT TAKES TWO HANDS TO CLAP

A PARENTING GUIDE
FOR
NON-CUSTODIAL FATHERS

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THE GOAL

- To positively impact men and assist non-custodial fathers in developing relevant, practical and effective parenting skills and relationship building techniques.

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THE CONCERN OF ABSENTEE FATHERS

Increased rates of violence.

- Increased rates of substance abuse.
- Increase rates of gang involvement.
- Increase risk of repeating generational neglect.
- Increase the rate of teen pregnancy.
- increases the effects of group oppression as well as internalized oppression.
- Effects all areas of child's self esteem.
- Damages women, children, communities and men.

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PATTERNS AND PRINCIPLES

- Parenting is a privilege.
- Male Privilege
- We must try to establish, build, maintain and strengthen the relationship with our child and her/his Mother.
- The blessings of the Father are forfeited.
- We must raise the standard of manhood by breaking the cycle of absentee fathers men.com

Basic Strategies for Successful Co-parenting

- Mutual respect for all is a requirement.
 - Establish clear boundaries.
 - Create an environment of consistency, trust and support.
 - Develop a parenting partnership.
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Things fathers can do

- Change the norm & think outside of the box
 - Create a home that is your child home.
 - Anticipate and meet needs of your child and of your co-parent.
 - Include step-parent in decisions and in co-parenting partnership.
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PRINCIPLES OF - FATHERHOOD

- **FAITHFULNESS**
- **AFFIRMING**
- **TEACHER**
- **HOPEFUL**
- **ENCOURAGER**
- **RECONCILIATION**
- **HONORING**
- **OPPORTUNITY**
- **OPTOMISTIC**
- **DEVOTED**

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