

**Dad•dy•ing/da•deing** v(1994)

**1:** a Father's lifelong commitment to his child's physical, emotional, social, intellectual/creative, and moral/spiritual well being

**2:** occurs when fatherhood and nurturing converge

**3:** an ongoing process, as distinct from "fathering," a one-time biological act

**4:** at its optimum, nurturing one's child is nourishing to a dad as well

**5:** the term connotes *connection, nurturing, emotional involvement, support, advocacy, protection, and informality*

**6:** research indicates that daddying leads to a wide range of physical, emotional, and work-related benefits to dads who are actively involved in their kids' lives

**7:** daddying roles may also be played by other significant men in kids' lives, e.g., grandfather, uncle, older brother, mentor, etc.

Thousands of hours of interviews with kids, dads, and granddads indicate that what kids most *want* and *need* from their dads is for dads to be there—really be there.

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**Fatherhood - It's all about the children.**

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Uncle **DaD**  
**BOB** **Cousin**  
Step- **Grandpa**

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Male  
Involvement

**Tyrell** **Friend**  
**BROTHER**  
Teacher **Mr.?**  
**Juan**



The mission of Men In PACT is to encourage and promote male involvement through education and positive role modeling in all aspects of our program, thus developing a lasting relationship with our children.



## How men make a difference in the life of their child

### Negative effects of father absence:

- Higher dropout rate from school
- 85% of incarcerated individuals are from homes without a father
- Child is more likely to live in poverty
- Child is more likely to become a teenage parent

### Positive effects on children when father involvement is warm and nurturing:

- Child receives higher grades in school
- Child displays better behavior, is happier and more confident and secure
- Child has higher respect for others, including their mother
- Child is more prepared for the real world and job market

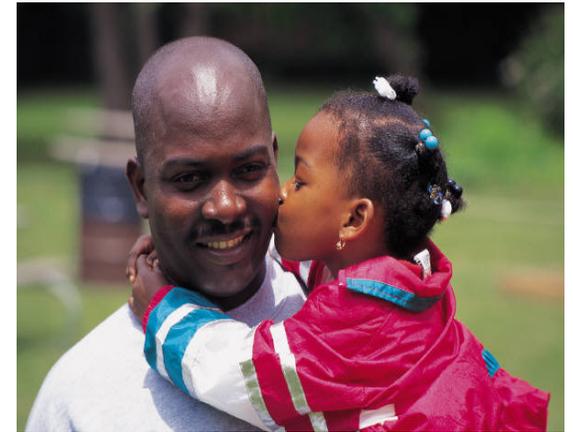
*Information taken from Building Blocks for Father Involvement, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2004.*

**The truth is that nobody can take the place of a father.**

## How YOU can make a difference in the life of a Head Start/Early Head Start Child

### At Home:

- Read to your child every day
- Talk to your child about their day
- Play with your child
- Take your child on outings



### At PACT:

- Visit your child's classroom
- Attend Parent meetings
- Go on field trips
- Walk your child to and from the bus or take them to school
- Attend home visits and parent/teacher conferences
- Be a Policy Council member
- Be a member of Men In PACT