

20 Reasons Why Your Child Needs You to Be an Active Father

Fathers play a critical role in the development of their children; however, many fathers are uncertain about the responsibilities and privileges associated with this role. Children need fathers who love and care for them on a consistent basis. The latest research indicates that fathers who are actively involved in raising their children can make a positive and lasting difference in their lives. In contrast, this same research reveals a number of potentially negative outcomes for children whose fathers are not involved. Listed below are 20 reasons why your child needs you to be an active father. **Being an active father:**

1. Lets your child know that you love her.
2. Provides your child with greater financial resources.
3. Provides your child with a positive role model.
4. Provides your child with emotional support.
5. Enhances your child's self-esteem.
6. Enhances your child's intellectual development.
7. Provides your child with guidance and discipline.
8. Gives your child someone to play with.
9. Provides your child with someone to talk to when she has questions.
10. Increases your child's chances for academic success.
11. Provides your child with an alternative perspective on life.
12. Lowers your child's chances for early sexual activity.
13. Lowers your child's chances for school failure.
14. Lowers your child's chances for youth suicide.
15. Lowers your child's chances for juvenile delinquency.
16. Lowers your child's chances for adult criminality.
17. Provides your child with a sense of physical and emotional security.
18. Facilitates your child's moral development.
19. Promotes a healthy gender identity in your child.
20. Helps your child learn important life skills.

Fathers, your children need you!

Make a commitment to be an active father. Your children will greatly benefit from your involvement in their lives.

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