

# **Fathers in Education: A Scenario for Success**

Interactive Power Session

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*Ordinary Men Doing Extraordinary Things*



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- **Objectives:**

1. To understand through a child's heart how adults affect them
2. To bring clarity to the need for a more understanding role by parents in marriage and separated or never married at all
3. To break ground to introduce the family bill of rights

**The IALAC Story**



**I AM LOVABLE  
AND CAPABLE**



**The IALAC Story**

- Every child has the right to have two homes where he or she is cherished and given the opportunity to develop normally.
- Every child has the right to a meaningful, nurturing relationship with each parent

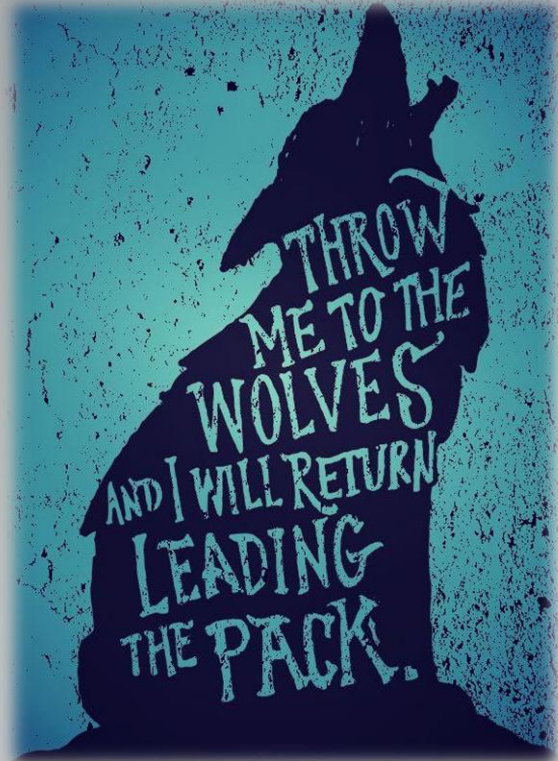
The greatest discovery of any generation is that a human being can alter his Life by altering his attitude.

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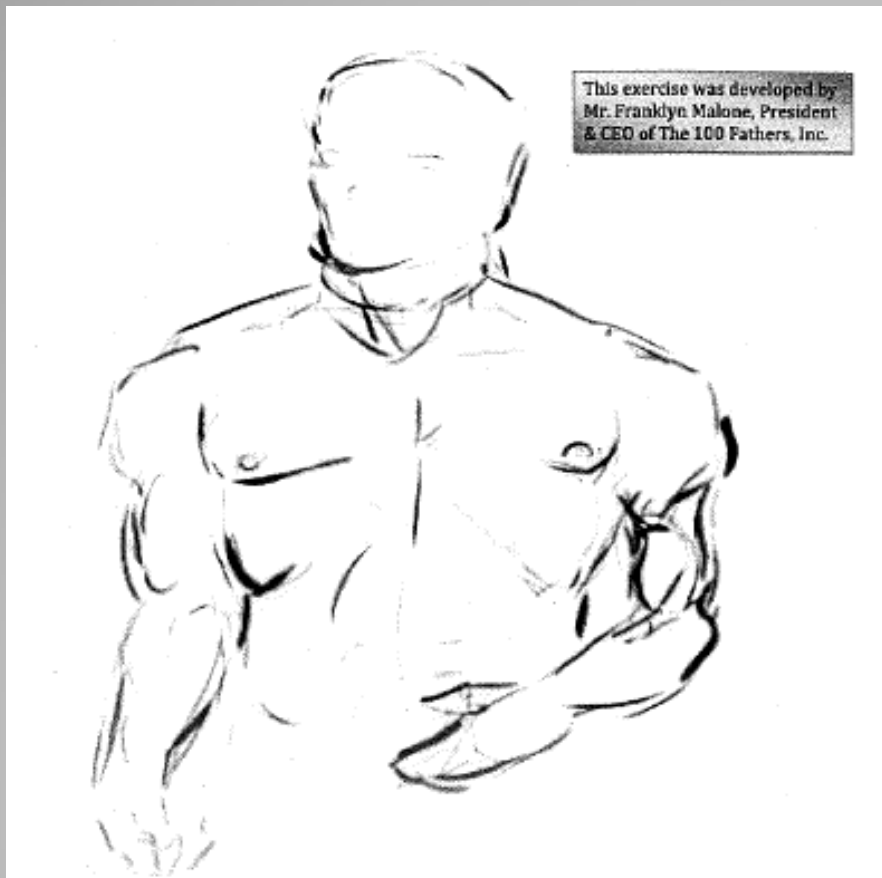
## Family Bill of Rights





- 40% of all children are fatherless
- 71% of all youth incarcerated never knew their fathers
- 75% of fatherless children tend to be drop outs
- 79% of all youth suicides are from those who never knew their fathers love
- 7.5 million children have a father in jail

## **The Footprint of Fatherhood in America**



- Who is this father?
- Name 3 things that he is to you
- Values Clarification

**Who is this father?**



- **Available**
- **Affirming**
- **Authentic**
  
- **Fun?**

**Who is this father?**

- Words & Literacy\*\*

<b>Who?*</b>	<b>Number of Words</b>
White Middle Class	45,000,000
Minority Middle Class	26,000,000
Economically Deprived	13,000,000

\*Based on children starting Kindergarten

\*\*Dr. Ferguson, Harvard University Study, circa 2000

**Our Situation**

- Mothers and fathers can work together

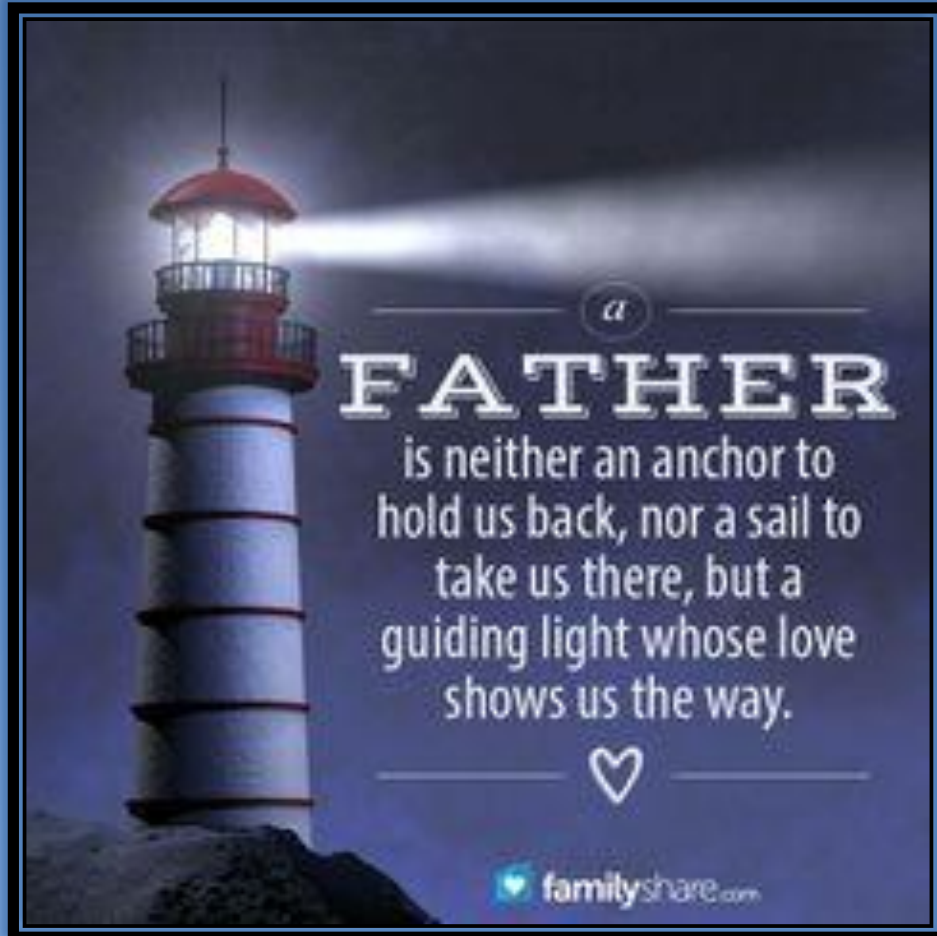
1. Work together to pick a great school
2. Be willing to fight for your rights
3. Turn off the TV
4. Be disciplined about homework
5. Keep your eye on the prize
6. Go to museums, zoos, and aquariums
7. Invest in your child
8. Practice what you preach
9. Know that love doesn't have to hurt
10. Education is a process... stay committed

A silhouette of a family consisting of a man, a woman, and two children walking together. The man is on the left, the woman is on the right, and the two children are in the middle, holding hands with the adults. They are walking towards the right against a bright, hazy background.

**Parent Means TEAM!**

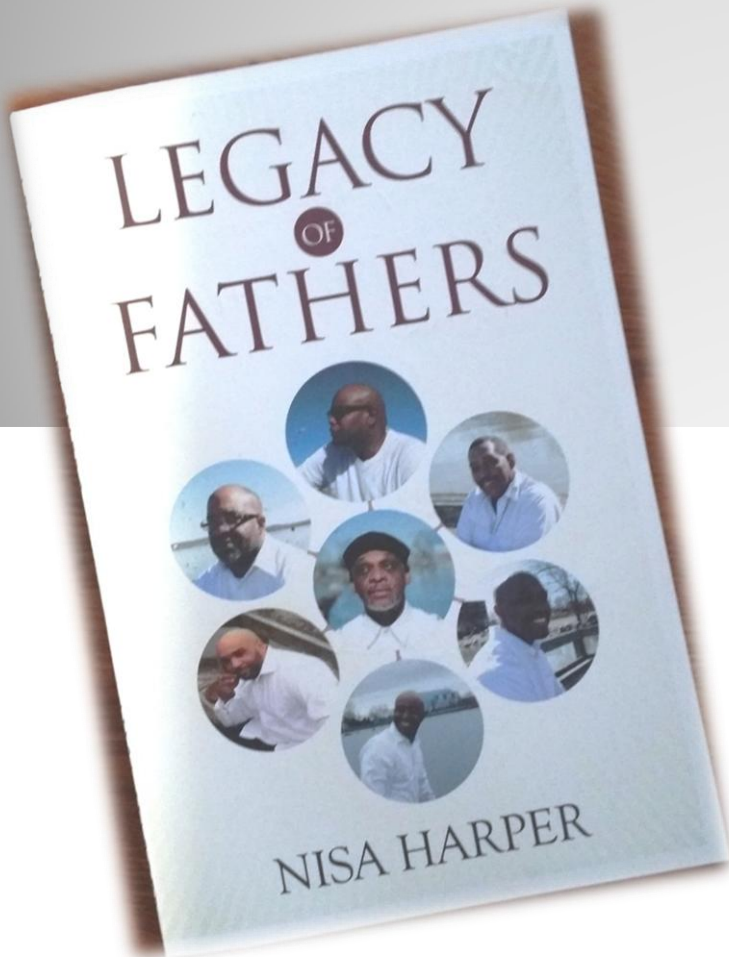
- Fathers who are involved in school **increase academic success** for their kids.
- Children seem to exhibit **less emotional problems** when Dad is involved.
- If a Father helps with homework the Atonal Study revealed that those children **experienced academic excellence**.
- The Pew Research Report for 2015 revealed that when a case by case study was done, by race, that **Black Fathers were the most caring** of all Fathers worldwide!
- **Father absence declined** so much in 2015 that it is no longer a factor today.
- Fathers in the 21st century **want to be in the lives** of their children!

**Why does a father make a difference?**



**Never forget...**

# THANK YOU!



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