

Black Fathers Anonymous^(TM)



Who is an absentee father?

Many of us believe we know the answer to this question, but do we really? For most of us our answers will be based on what we've seen in the media, or heard on the radio, or read in books and magazines. But the real answer is we all are because as a community these are our children who have for whatever reasons been left without fathers and as a community we must become accountable.

The absentee father has many faces. He can be the father who is incarcerated and forcibly removed from the lives of his children. He can be the unemployed or underemployed man who cannot bear the shame of not being able to provide for his family. He can be the unfortunate man who finds his life spinning out of control because of alcoholism or drug abuse. He can be the man who is being kept away from his children by the mother for whatever reason. There are many faces and many causes of this epidemic but one thing is clear we as a community cannot continue as we are going. We cannot continue to have our children growing up without the spiritual, financial, and emotional support of their fathers.

So who is an absentee father? I AM

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