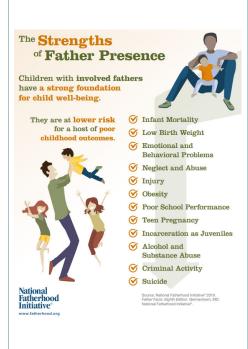
BENEFITS OF ACTIVELY ENGAGING WITH CPS

 $\diamond \mbox{Greater}$ likelihood for child to be reunified with biological family

◊Shorter stay in out-of-home care

◊Fewer episodes of placement out of the home

♦Reduced trauma



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THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING WITH YOUR CHILD

The U.S. Census Bureau (2022) reports that 18.4 million children, 1 in 4, live without a biological, step, or adoptive father in the home.

Children without involved fathers are at greater risk of experiencing struggles with emotional an social well-being, struggles with school, and are more likely to experience forms of mistreatment (National Fatherhood Initiative, 2023).





GET INVOLVED

Connect with your case worker to discuss how best to get involved and engage with your child.

Actively engaging with your child can look very different depending on the situation.

Maintaining consistent contact with your child through visits, phone calls, and letters is a good way to start.



WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR CHILD

Before a visit with your child, plan activities you can do together:

♦Read a book

♦Draw or color together

♦Play a board game

During phone calls with your child, you can maintain connection with them by:

♦ Asking how their day/school went

♦Read them a story

♦Ask them what they want to do for a visit

Parents that are incarcerated can also actively engage with their child by:

♦ Writing frequent letters

 \Diamond Read or tell your child a story