First A.M.E. Child and Family Center Fatherhood Program

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Mission Statement

- Through team work of our dedicated staff, program participants, community and partners we provide comprehensive, high quality developmental services that are designed to empower fathers and strengthen families.
Why This Mission?

The number one social problem in America is the absence of a father in the home.

- Over 24 million children in America live without their biological father.
- Nearly 40% of those 24 million have not seen their father in a year.
- 60% African American children live in homes without fathers (compared to 18% Caucasian Children and 30% Hispanic children)
The absent father’s impact on their children...

- 4.6 times more likely to commit suicide.
- 6.6 times more likely to become teenage mothers.
- 24.3 times more likely to run away.
- 10.8 times more likely to commit rape.
- 6.6 times more likely to drop out of school.
- 15.3 times more likely to end up incarcerated while teenagers.
- 73 times more likely to be killed.

National Center For Fathering website | www.fathers.com
“Our Reality”

- 85% of youth in Juvenile come from fatherless homes.
- 70% of long term prison inmates come from fatherless homes.
- 60% of rapist grew up in fatherless homes.
- 72% of adolescent murders grew up in fatherless homes.
- 63% of youth suicide comes from fatherless homes.
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children come from fatherless homes.
- 71% of high school drop outs come from fatherless homes.
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Fatherhood Program
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“Our response” to “Our Reality”
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Restoring a Man’s Manhood
Through the process of **Education** → **Reconciliation** → **Re-creation**, we work on restoring 3 aspects of a Man’s Manhood:

1. The man as **Citizen**
2. The man as **Husband**
3. The man as **Father** (Fatherhood)
4. The man as **Family**
Education:

- Increasing awareness and consciousness by educating the man about his role and value in society as a citizen, husband, father and family member.

- Redefine Education: Not limited to reading, writing, and arithmetic, but a quest for knowledge of self, African American History, financial management, spirituality, and value shift.
Reconciliation:

- After proper education and awareness takes place the man is prepared to reconcile himself back to his role as citizen, husband, father, and family.

- We believe bringing closure to the circumstances that caused the disconnect from each role, will allow him to truly and authentically engage in each role without the burden of the other role.
Re-creation:

- After the education and reconciliation the man will have a foundation and new lenses see to see himself and his role through as he re-create himself as a citizen, husband, father and family member.

- By applying the knowledge of his education, engaging and contributing as agreed in reconciliation, he begins to re-create himself-establish a new reputation, by building trust, integrity, and good will as a citizen, husband, father, and family member.
“Our New Reality Can Be…”

- Less likely to experience depression.
- Less likely to engage in stealing, and truancy.
- Less likely to use drugs.
- Enhanced social skills.
- Less likely to die by homicide.
- Less likely to be incarcerated.