



## Christian Voices for Life

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## Fathers Need Help Too

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**Education:** We often think about how to help a pregnant woman who is alone. Nearly one in four children in the U.S. lives without a father, which leads to numerous behavioral and societal problems. But every child has a father. Many guys think that they are 'supposed to' respect whatever the woman decides. Many also have no male figure in their lives to talk to about what it means to be a father. If they are encouraged to decide what they want for

their child, they can become an advocate for their child. If those who want their partner to abort are educated in fetal development and the process of abortion, they can change their minds. With the mom's permission, they can view the ultrasound and see their child for themselves. Recognizing the child and understanding what abortion will do brings out the protector/provider instinct that God gives fathers.

Rachel House Pregnancy Resource Centers, in Kansas City and other locations, interacted with nearly 470 men last year. The men had one-on-one talks with a male volunteer client advocate, and attended fatherhood classes. The men are listened to, educated and encouraged, with many tears being shed in the male counseling room.

About 75-80% of Rachel House clients are abortion vulnerable, but the listening, education, caring and ultrasound lead to about 80% of their clients choosing life, when mom is alone. When dad is involved, the rate goes up to over 90%. A child needs two parents. More and more pregnancy centers are offering programs to engage and educate fathers to help bring about not only the decision for life, but to provide a better life for the whole family. Read an article about Rachel House which was the source for this item at <https://pregnancyhelpnews.com/missouri-pregnancy-centers-fatherhood-program-sees-life-saving-success>



**Prayer:** Dear Lord, please help fathers to recognize their responsibility for their children. Help them to learn about the humanity of the child and want to protect them from abortion. Help them to find male mentors to teach them about fatherhood, and help more children in our country be able to have a good father in their home. Help women be strong in encouraging the involvement of the father, or if needed, to find another father figure for their child.



**Action:** If you are a male who wants to really get involved in helping to prevent abortion, but had always thought that only women were suited to volunteer at a pregnancy center, think about whether you would be interested in being trained to be able to help young fathers to learn about fatherhood and take responsibility for their child. Talk to your nearest pregnancy center and see if they have a fatherhood program. If not, will you be the one to help get one started? The [National Fatherhood Initiative](#) has outlined steps to take to start a fatherhood program.