



Family is a human connection unlike any other. It is meant to be an honest, unselfish loyalty and unconditional love.

## Changing Families

Family life has changed more in the past 30 years than it had changed in the 3,000 years prior. Today, in the U.S.,

- There is **ONE** divorce every 36 **SECONDS** (more than 2,400 divorces each day)
- **HALF** of all children will witness the breakup of a parent's marriage
- **FOUR** in **TEN** kids are born out of wedlock
- **ONE** in **FIVE** teenage girls will become pregnant during high school
- More than 80% of custody cases result in a child living with only **ONE** parent
- Twelve million, more than **ONE** in **THREE**, children grow up in single-parent homes

## Risk Factors

Children raised in single-parent homes are more likely to suffer abuse and neglect, are twice as likely to drop out of school, and are more likely to abuse drugs. They make up:

- 85%** of all children with behavior disorders,
- 71%** of pregnant teenagers,
- 85%** of youths in prison, and
- 63%** of youth suicides.

Parents are also at a higher risk of suicide after divorce.

More than 80% of high school seniors expect to get married, and 90% expect to stay married to the same person for life.

**EIGHT** in **TEN** men and **SEVEN** in **TEN** women want to have children.

We need a generation to help break the cycle and to restore the value of family. Get involved, and make a positive impact in a family's life today!

## It's Time to Put Kids First

Divorce is hard on a family, especially the children. Paired with elevated emotions and clouded judgment, parents do not always have the skills, knowledge, or resources to handle everything that comes with a separation. This can leave children in the middle of the conflict, often making them feel as if it is their fault.

When parents are able to learn the skills to work together after separation, children grow up happier and healthier. They are better off in terms of school success, self-confidence, and mental health. They are also more likely to maintain their relationships with their parents into adulthood and have successful marriages themselves.