



Fathers Absence – Drug & Alcohol Abuse

Father closeness is negatively correlated with the number of child's friends who smoke, drink...Closeness was also correlated with a child's use of alcohol...hard drugs. Intact families rank high on father closeness than single-parent families.

- National Father Initiative, 2004

- A child living in a two-parent family whose relationship with the father is **fair or poor** is **68%** more likely to smoke, drink and use other drugs...
- A child living in a household with a single-mother is at **32%** higher risk (of using drugs) than if living in a two-parent household

Father Facts, 5th Edition, National Fatherhood Initiative, www.fatherhood.org

"Child Need Both Parents", American Coalition for Fathers and Children, www.acfc.org