

Father's Priority

Activity: There are many life-changing events that can happen during a man's life. Having a child is one of those events. Fathers need to make many sacrifices to ensure children are safe, healthy, happy, and loved.

To help choose the path of fatherhood wisely, begin to prioritize the things that you do during your day. Decide which things in your life are or aren't important. Keep in mind that you will have a child that will need you for all of his or her needs.

An important priority is something that will benefit you and your family.

A less important priority is something that doesn't benefit your family and takes away from your family.

Important priorities: Treating your child's mother with respect, taking care of your health, finding books for your child, maintaining safe reliable transportation, making room for your baby to play, and saving money.

Less important priorities: Watching television, playing video games, sitting in a bar, and spending money haphazardly.

What your partner and unborn baby are doing: Making personal sacrifices for your child is important for your child's well-being. Statistics have found that when fathers put children first, the children:

- ◆ **Are more likely to graduate from high school**
- ◆ **Are less likely to do drugs**
- ◆ **Are less likely to live in poverty**
- ◆ **Are less likely to be incarcerated**

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| Date | Description of Activity | Amount of Time | Value or per Hour Rate | Your Relationship to Child |
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Participant Name (Please Print) Signature Date

Staff Name (Please Print) Signature Date