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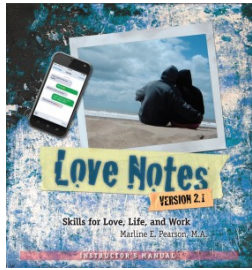


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[2Gen - Empowering Parents Program](#)

Empowering Parents offers support for teenage parents and their parents, two populations who often find themselves with limited resources and a high level of need. This program serves these groups by offering education, including Dibble's [Love Notes](#) program, and prevention services to help families strengthen relationships and reduce the risk of teenage pregnancy.



Live Training In Dibble's Evidence-Base Program [Love Notes](#)

Join us in Los Angeles, CA at the [Fathers and Families Coalition of America](#) Conference for a **cost-effective, hands-on training** in our most popular curricula. Especially good for individuals or small staff teams.

Love Notes was created to help teens and young adults learn, often for the first time, how to make wise choices about relationships, dating, partners, sex, and more. This program takes an innovative approach to these topics by integrating relationship skills with powerful learning strategies.

[Love Notes v2.1](#)

Relationship Skills for Love, Life and Work

For young adults ages 15-24

February 27 – 28, Los Angeles, CA

[Learn more and register!](#)

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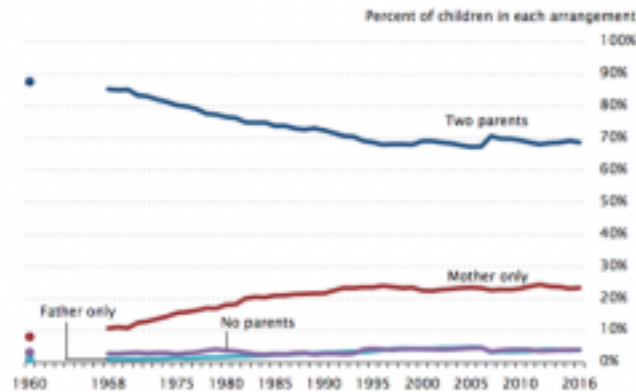
[Divorce Rate in U.S. Drops to Nearly 40-Year Low](#)

The U.S. divorce rate dropped for the third year in a row, reaching its lowest point in nearly 40 years. Marriage rates, on the other hand, [increased](#) last year.

In 2015, there were 32.2 marriages for every 1,000 unmarried women age 15 or older, according to the National Center for Family and Marriage Research at Bowling Green State University.

[Most U.S. Children Live With Two Married Parents](#)

Living arrangements of children: 1960 to present



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 1960, and Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements, 1968 to 2016.

Note: Direct identification of both parents began in 2007, resulting in the ability to identify children living with two unmarried parents.



The two-parent family is still the most common family form for children in the United States—with the majority of children currently living with married parents. This good news comes from the U.S. Census Bureau’s latest America’s Families and Living Arrangements report. The data is based on the 2016 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement.



[Role of Social Networks among Low-Income Fathers](#)

This brief, from the Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation, explores fathers’ social support networks. A few of the findings indicate that fathers typically had small social networks and some fathers had no supportive family or friends. Some used their social networks for four main types of support: emotional, financial, in-kind, and housing; and reported using supports from organizations such as religious organizations, community service agencies, and community based-organizations.

NEWS YOU CAN USE



Healthy Teen Network

[Status of Federally Funded Adolescent Reproductive Programs](#)

[Healthy Teen Network](#) has created a blog to address the varying levels of uncertainty regarding the status of funding of federal programs generally and adolescent reproductive and sexual health programs particularly. They have made the requisite outreaches to federal executive branch officials and advocacy organization partners to gain insights.

The New York Times [9 Ways to Improve Your Love Life](#)

their chances of falling in love by asking [36 questions](#) of a stranger, and our second most popular, "[What Shamu I aught Me About a Happy Marriage.](#)" explained how to improve a spouse's behavior by using exotic animal-training techniques.

This year's most-read essays also offer strategies for improving romantic and platonic relationships, such as fighting well in marriage and minimizing the physical pain of a broken heart. [Here](#) are a few sage pieces of advice for teens and adults, alike.



[1 in 7 Young Teens Is a Stalking Victim: Survey](#)

About one out of seven children in 6th and 9th grades has been a victim of stalking, potentially boosting their risk of substance abuse, dating violence and other dangers, a new U.S. survey finds. The research doesn't confirm that being stalked makes it more likely that a teenager will do risky things or become a victim in other ways. But the findings do raise the prospect that stalking among teens is a hazard beyond the fear and danger that it creates.

SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

January 11



2016 Highlights in Youth Relationship Education *Trends, Tools, Research, and More!*

Join The Dibble Institute's staff as they share their high points from last year in the field of youth relationship education.

Topics include:

- Research that relationship education is a potent new tool for pregnancy prevention,
- Robust relationship education as part of the sexual violence prevention toolkit,
- New settings for relationship education including corrections, child welfare, and dating violence prevention,
- New evidence that porn threatens the capacity to build intimacy, and
- Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) through relationship education.

Presenters:

The Dibble Institute Staff

- Kay Reed, Executive Director
- Irene Varley, Director of Education
- Dixie Zittlow, Director of Outreach
- Aaron Larson, Acquisitions and Product Coordinator

You! *Please make your comment about what you think was important to the field when you register. You may be on the webinar as well!*

Who should attend: Youth workers, teachers, program managers, grant writers. People interested in healthy relationships, responsible fatherhood, pregnancy prevention, expecting and parenting young people, workforce development, child welfare, and violence prevention.

When: Wednesday, **January 11, 2017**, 4:00 pm Eastern/1:00 pm Pacific

Duration: 60 minutes

Cost: Free!

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FUNDING STREAMS



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation The [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) has announced a call for proposals for [Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health](#), a program supporting "investigator-initiated research to develop the evidence base needed to build a national Culture of Health - in which everyone has the opportunity to live their healthiest life possible." Between five and 12 grants will be awarded each year, totaling approximately \$2.2 million. (Letters of intent are being accepted on a rolling basis.)

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