

## Four Major Findings about Adolescent Father Involvement

- 1.) "Being there" is critically important in establishing relationships
- 2.) His own father shaped his perception of what fatherhood should look like
- 3.) Over 70% had strong desire to be involved and responsible
- 4.) Three primary obstacles to young father involvement were:
  - (a) Relationship with child's mother
  - (b) Support of families & friends
  - (c) Receptivity of social institutions:  
schools, hospitals, courts, clinics, etc.