

The Role of a Father

ABC's Primetime recently ran a special on the rising rate of teen pregnancy in America. According to ABC, over 750,000 teens will become pregnant next year. While there are differing views on how to curb this issue, the role of a father in a girl's life may be the best way to prevent teen pregnancy.

Linda Carroll, contributor to MSNBC.com says, "When it comes to preventing risky teen sex, there may be no better deterrent than a doting dad." Why is this? Well, we are all made to be loved. And when a girl feels loved by her father, she does not need a boyfriend to fill an empty space in her heart. It has already been filled by her adoring dad.

In June, we celebrated and honored fathers. We thanked them for all the ways they love and care for their children. Let's continue to cheer them on; for, there is no better time than now for a father to stay connected to his children.

Care Net sees many young women and men facing unplanned pregnancies each month and desires to give these women, men, unborn children and families a firm foundation for generations to come. No unplanned pregnancy happens in a vacuum – fathers, mothers, siblings and grandparents all are affected. The father of the baby is an important stakeholder who has often been ignored.

Care Net offers an opportunity for each boyfriend to meet with a supportive, trained male consultant who will help him sort through a whirlwind of emotion and become prepared to support his girlfriend and his child. Care Net also offers childbirth and parenting classes for young women and men to prepare for the new challenges in parenting. Most importantly, Care Net offers the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to everyone who enters our doors. It is His love and compassion that will go the distance to make a difference in the lives of these young fathers and mothers and their children so that a new way of Life is begun for their families. With His love, fathers will be connected to their children as He turns the hearts of fathers to their children.