

# WORLD'S BEST DAD



DONUTS FOR DADS

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# ***Personal Goal:***





WORLD'S  
*best*  
DAD



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... xoxo



**WORLD'S  
— BEST —  
DAD**

**Challenge**

**Goal**

**Gameplan**

**Pancake  
Breakfasts?**

**Buying Toys?**



**Checking  
Homework?**

**Driving kids  
to sports?**

***Challenge***

***Goal***

***Gameplan***

**Who/what do I want my children to be?**

**Kind?**

**Good values?**

**Respectful?**

**Happy?**

***Challenge***

***Goal***

***Gameplan***

**How to achieve outcome?**

**Seek Growth**

**Show Up**

**Show Love**

**Speak to the Heart**

**Speak to the Heart =  
Communication**



# Father Absence Crisis



- There are 17.8 million children, nearly 1 in 4, without a biological, step, or adoptive father at home which leaves children:

- More Likely to Face Poverty
- More Likely to Have Behavioral Problems
- More Likely to Go to Prison
- More Likely to Commit Crime
- More Likely to Become Pregnant as a Teen
- More Likely to Face Abuse and Neglect
- More Likely to Abuse Drugs and Alcohol
- More Likely to Suffer Obesity
- More Likely to Drop Out of School

**Your World**





**“Identity Drives  
Behavior”**

**-Dr. Richard Wadsworth**

# Identity Drives Behavior

- Parents often focus on behavior first but a child's sense of self often drives behavior
- If a child feels like you think they're "bad," they may begin to believe it.
- What children think we believe about them can shape what they believe about themselves.

# Identity Drives Behavior

- Real change begins when we affirm character, not just correct behavior
- The message should not be, “You are bad,” the message should be, “You are good, capable, loved, and *still learning*.”
- Children are deeply shaped by how they believe their parents see them.





**Continue the  
Conversation**

**Thank You!**