


College or Prison

*The African American Male Crisis of The 21st Century
How To Keep African American Males In The Classroom*

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About The Facilitator

Jesse W. Jackson III is an internationally recognized male personal development expert, consultant, speaker, and international best selling author. His organization have trained thousands of men, professional staff and parent groups worldwide. Dr. Jackson is the founder of Best Man, LLC & Best Man Sports, Inc. Dr. Jackson has built Best Man, LLC into American's #1 Male Development & Education Company. Dr. Jackson has authored eight books, three which have become international best seller including the male development classic, *The Best Man, Divorce Is Not An Option and I'm Tired Of Being Broke*. Dr. Jackson received his Bachelors degree (B.A. 1997) in Psychology, and his Masters degree (M.A. 2002) in Counseling from Wayne State University. In 2008, Dr. Jackson received his Ph.D. in Counseling from Trinity Institute. Over the past year, Dr. Jackson has been providing guidance for men of all ages throughout American and providing rehabilitation treatment for adjudicated youth in Michigan. Dr. Jackson's mission is to help school districts find effective alternative solutions to improve male academic and social achievement.

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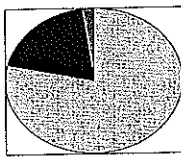
Our Mission

- New problems in the education system
- Why college or prison has become the primary choices of the 21st century for male students
- What is wrong with African American boys? Is it African American boys or is it us?
- Financial Consequences
- Action Plan/ Solutions: The new strategy to keep boys in the classroom

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Problem Demographic Changes

Source: Census Bureau & USA



□ Single Mothers	25 Million
■ Grandparents	6.1 million
■ Incarcerated Parents	744,000

- Over 25 million children live apart from their biological fathers.
- 6.1 million grandparents with grandchildren younger than 18 live with them.
- 14 million single parents in the United States today, (raising 21.2 million children (approximately 26% of children under 21 in the U.S. today).
- The nation's prisons held approximately 744,200 fathers and 65,600 mothers (2007). (An estimated 1,706,600 minor children.)

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Problem

Boys Need More Help!

- 1. The majority of special education students in the U.S. are boys.
- 2. Most of the discipline problems in schools are attributed to boys. (*Nearly one in four black male students in Chicago Public Schools was suspended at least once last year*)
- 3. According to some figures, boys comprise 80 percent of all high school dropouts.
- 4. Less than 50 percent of the college population is male.
- 5. Only 3 out of 100 Black males entering kindergarten will graduate from college.

(M. Wynn-Education Consultant)
We do not understand boys!

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Why college or prison have become the two primary choices of the 21st century for male students

- 70% of State prison inmates did not receive a high school diploma (Alliance for Excellent Education, 2003).
- Less than 11% of State prison inmates have completed Postsecondary (college, vocational)
- Dropouts are more than eight times as likely to be in jail or prison as high school graduates. (Alliance for Excellent Education, 2003).

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Understanding The Problems of African American Males

- Fatherless (Breakdown in the family structure.) Nearly 2 in 3 (65%) African American children live in father-absent homes.
- Fatherless children are twice as likely to drop out of school.
- Generational family failure cycles
- One in nine black men ages 20 to 34 are behind bars.

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What A Father Means To Us

1. Discipline.
2. To build and maintain his children's self-esteem.
3. To teach children the proper respect for their mother.
4. To provide unconditional love.

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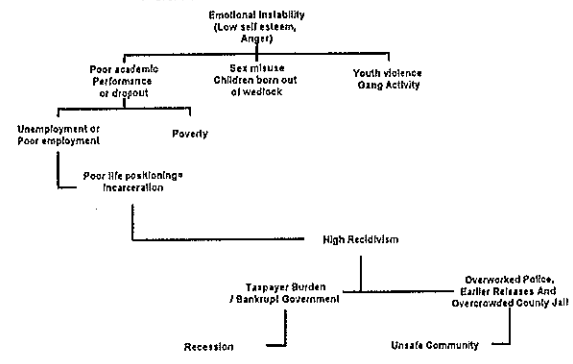
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- If these essential needs are not met in the life of a child, or are met only on a minimal level, the individual (regardless of gender, race or economic background) will have "Daddy Issues," or in clinical terms the "Without-A-Father Syndrome."
- The Without-A-Father Syndrome was developed by Dr. Jesse W. Jackson III in 2005.
- The Without-A-Father Syndrome is an emotional disorder that results from growing up apart from, or not having the desired connection (closeness) or relationship with their biological father.
- *The Without-A-Father Syndrome is a lack of emotional love from our father.*

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Father Absence Side Effects



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Financial Consequences of Education System Failure

- It estimated states spent a record \$51.7 billion on corrections in fiscal year 2008 Mid-year 2008 – 2,310,984
- Annual losses exceed \$50 billion in federal and state income taxes for all 23 million of the national's high schools dropouts aged 18-67.
- Ten states decreased pre-k funding: Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and Washington.
- Ohio's cut is estimated to deny pre-k to the largest number of children, at least 12,000.

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Action Plan/ Solution

How to keep black boys focused on education

- Fight negative generational attitudes about education
- Support parent education (GED & Diploma Programs)
- Get parents involved (Support Efforts)
- More involvement learning
- Group learning
- **College Is For Everyone, A College Degree Is Not**
- To understand why going to college is important and what should be gained from it.
- To be encouraged to believe that going to college and being successful is possible for them.

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Action Plan/ Solution

Address boys learning styles

1. Boys Are Kinesthetic (body movement/ involvement) Learners
2. Boys need to be active and take frequent breaks
3. Boys tend to speak with their hands and with gestures
4. Boys remember what was done, but have difficulty recalling what was said or seen
5. Boys find reasons to tinker or move when bored

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- How To Raise A Son Who Is Without His Father: How Single Mothers & Grandparents Can Communicate With, Motivate And Keep Our Male Students Focused On Education.

Session #2

- How to Discipline Your Son/ Male Students And Get The Results You Want.

Session #3

- 7 Steps To Improve Male Student Standardized Test Scores.

Session #4

- Parents & Teachers Working Together: How Parents Can Affectively Support School Staff.

Session #5

- How To Improve Male Academic Performance. The Characteristics Of A High Risk Youth For Academic Failure And How To Keep Males Interested & Involved In Their Education.

Session #6

- College or Prison, The African American Male Crisis of The 21st Century: How To Keep African American Males In The Classroom & Keep Them Out Of Trouble.

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Resources

- 7 Laws of Males Success: How To Mentor & Coach Males Toward Long Term Life Success
- Challenge To Succeed: 10 New Rules of College, Career & Financial Planning For Students & Parents
- College Or Prison: The Male Crisis of The 21st Century, How To Keep Males In The Classroom & Out Of Trouble



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