

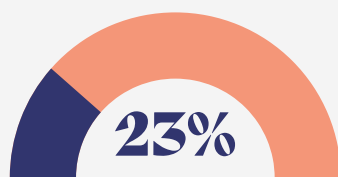
SPECIAL POPULATION

Children of Single Parents

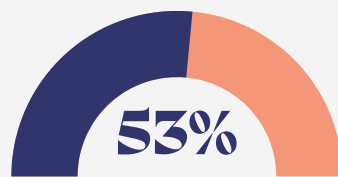
A single parent: “someone who has a child or children but no husband, wife, or partner who lives with them” [13]

STATISTICS

23% of children in the US are living with one parent and no other adults [11]

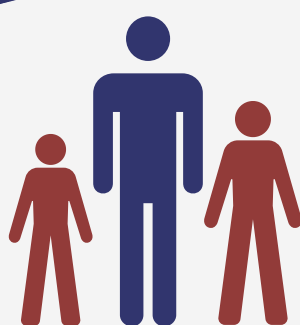


52.9% of children from low income families in the US live in single family households [11]



Children from single parent households attain less education than those from dual parent households [8]

CURRENT RESEARCH



Girls of single parent households show submission and boys show aggression, instead of utilization of assertiveness [13]

Statistically significant correlation btw parental bereavement and negative long term academic achievement effect/increased anxiety levels [1]

Correlation between single parent families and lower career decision-making self-efficacy [10]

ADVOCACY

In School

- Training/education of teachers to meet socio-emotional needs of children from single parent families [13]
- Trauma informed treatment and programming to educate teachers on spotting trauma symptoms and handling PTSD related behaviors

Financial Aid

- Illinois Student Assistance Commission: course material affordability and Monetary Award Program [6]
- US Department of Education: Pell Grant recipient criteria [12]

BEST PRACTICES

Counseling

- Motivational Interviewing
- Reality Therapy
- Strengths-Based Approach, highlighting resiliency [10]

College Search

Reference School's Social Mobility Index (SMI) [3]

Gaps

Children of incarcerated parents
Children of single fathers
Children raised by a grandparent

Step-families
Children of addicted/absent parents
Children raised siblings

RESOURCES

Illinois Department of Human Services college preparation activities for children of incarcerated parents [5]

Post-Secondary Financial Preparation Blogs:

- The Classroom [2]
- Nitro College [7]

Scholarships:

- Scholarship.com [9]
- College Cliffs [4]

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