

A photograph of a woman and a man looking at a baby. The woman is on the left, looking down at the baby. The man is on the right, looking down at the baby. The baby is in the center, looking up. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and purple.

JUST THE FACTS

Infant death within the first 28 days of life is **four times higher** for those with absent fathers than those with involved fathers.

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