

Daddy Don't Go

Dismantling the "Deadbeat Dad" stereotype

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn about disadvantaged fathers from watching the film?
2. Did anything in the film surprise you?
3. Did anything in the film remind you of your own experiences?
4. What were some of the challenges faced by the fathers in the film? How were each of their challenges similar? Different?
5. What does the "deadbeat dad" stereotype mean to you? How do you see the fathers in the film in relation to that stereotype?
6. How do each of the fathers in the film fit or not fit into stereotypes of masculinity in the U.S.? Into traditional male/father roles in a family?
7. How did the criminal justice and court systems affect the lives of each father and their families?
8. What role did the government (federal and local) play in the lives of the fathers and families in the film?
9. How were social services involved in their lives? Were social support services beneficial/adequate?
10. How did unemployment affect the lives of the dads? How they saw themselves?
11. How did poverty affect the dads and their families? What seemed to be some of the root causes?
12. How do privilege and disadvantage play out in the lives of the fathers and families in the film?
13. How does the film relate to your profession/field of study?