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The opening line of the Sinatra song “Love and Marriage” might need to be updated to include to, “Love, a college degree, and marriage go together like a horse and carriage.”

During the past 25 years, marriage rates have been climbing for women with college and graduate degrees, while women who lack an education beyond high school have seen their marriage rates plummet, [according to research](#) from Richard V. Reeves, Isabel Sawhill and Eleanor Krause at the Brookings Institution.

Every Monday morning at Harvie Elementary School, in Henrico County, Va., Brett Welch stands outside her office door as kids file in.

"The first thing I'm looking for are the faces," says Welch, a school counselor. She's searching for hints of fear, pain or anger. "Maybe there was a domestic incident at the house that weekend," says Welch. "That's reality for a lot of our kids."

And a reality for a lot of kids in the U.S. While it's difficult to get an exact number, researchers estimate that between 10 and 20 percent of children are exposed to domestic violence each year.



[Trends in Marriage and Cohabitation Experiences Among Young Adults](#)

Cohabitation has usurped marriage as the most common relationship experience in young adulthood. Three-quarters of young adults have cohabited while only half have married. This trend holds true for women across race and ethnic groups as well as education levels. Cohabitation is increasing at a faster rate than marriage is declining. Most young adults are forming unions; they are simply choosing to cohabit rather than to marry in their young adulthood.

NEWS YOU CAN USE



[Tracking Teen Attitudes About Marriage and Cohabitation](#)

High school seniors are increasingly likely to say that their ideal time to marry is several years after high school, according to a new NCFMR Family Profile. The largest percentage change is in the "over five years from now" category, which doubled from 1976 to 2014. In 2014, the majority of high school seniors responded that their ideal time to marry was "over five years from now." Conversely, the percentage of high school seniors responding that their ideal time to marry was "one year from now" dropped from 9% in 1976 to 2% in 2014. This profile is the third of a three-part series using Monitoring the Future data to examine trends in high school seniors' attitudes towards marriage and cohabitation.

TOOLS YOU CAN USE



[Start Your Youth Violence Prevention Plan Today.](#)

CDC invites you to [visit STRYVE \(Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere\): an online space](#) with everything practitioners and their team members need to create, edit, and save a customized youth violence prevention plan.

Features include:

- **Customized Tools:** functionality and content to support your community's circumstances, needs, and decisions.

Opportunity to Learn from Real World Experiences: listen to stories and experiences of real people working to prevent youth violence.



Improve Your Outreach to Latinos

U.S. Latinos are a large, diverse, and fast-growing population. For service providers, effectively reaching and communicating with them is essential. [The Child Trends Hispanic Institute](#), in collaboration with [the Crimsonbridge Foundation](#), has assembled a new guidebook to help service providers and educators find the most effective ways to reach their audience. Join them for a related webinar on **Tuesday, Oct 18th**, from **2 - 3 p.m. ET**. Learn how to create an evidence-based, strategic communication plan with a clear series of steps: getting to know your audience, setting objectives, messaging, outreach strategy, tactical execution, and data collection. [Register here](#).

SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

October 12



Why “Love Notes” Works as a Relationship-Based Pregnancy Prevention Program

In this webinar, Dr. Anita Barbee, will discuss how the “Theories of Change” in the [Love Notes Evidence Based Program Model](#) are effective for adolescent life planning and healthy relationship initiation and maintenance. She will also cover how helping youth think about sex fits into their quest for connection. In this webinar you will:

1. Understand how *Love Notes* is similar to and different from other Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) interventions.
2. Understand the reasons why *Love Notes* is an effective TPP and IPV prevention intervention and a brief view of research results.
3. Learn the key content in *Love Notes* regarding life planning, relationship initiation and maintenance, and sexual health.

Presenters: **Anita Barbee, Ph.D.**, University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work, Program Director of CHAMPS! (Creating Healthy Adolescents through Meaningful Prevention Services).

Who should attend: International Association for Relationship Research members, OAH, FYSB, CDC grantees and others working in area of teen and young adult pregnancy prevention, dating violence, intimate partner violence, or anyone working with high-risk youth.

Duration: 60 minutes

Cost: Free!

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[Fatherhood Research and Practice Network Grants for Exploratory and Descriptive Research](#)

The Fatherhood Research and Practice Network has issued a [third request for proposals \(RFP\)](#). This RFP is intended to support exploratory and descriptive research that will provide insights into previously unstudied or understudied areas. Proposed studies should consider innovative programs or interventions related to co-parenting, employment and economic security, and/or father engagement and effective parenting for low-income fathers.

Deadline: 11/18/2016

Grants Aim to Improve Lives in the Western U.S. and British Columbia

[May & Stanley Smith Charitable Trust](#) [May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust](#)

The May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust supports nonprofit organizations serving people in the western United States as well as British Columbia, Canada. The Trust provides grants to organizations that offer opportunities for **foster children and youth**, military veterans and their families, elders, and people with disabilities. The focus is on programs that will **enrich the quality of life** for the target populations, **promote self-sufficiency**, and **assist individuals in achieving their highest potential**. Online letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. Visit the Trust's website to assess the alignment with core program areas and review the eligibility guidelines prior to submitting a letter of inquiry.

Funds Address Domestic Violence Prevention in California

blue  of california [Blue Shield of California Foundation](#)
foundation

The mission of the Blue Shield of California Foundation is to improve the lives of all Californians by making healthcare accessible, effective, and affordable, and by ending domestic violence. The Foundation is committed to supporting the people and programs working on the frontlines of healthcare and domestic violence. The Foundation's current funding priorities include the following: Care Integration, The Remaining Uninsured, Value-Based Care and Patient Engagement, and Domestic Violence Systems and Survivor Experience. Letters of inquiry from nonprofit organizations and government entities are accepted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding priorities and to review the application guidelines.



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