

SON OF A SAINT

OUR IMPACT

Systemic barriers chronically deprive fatherless young men of the economic, health, and education resources needed for them to thrive. The resulting outcomes cannot be ignored.

PUSHED TO PRISON



232% INCREASE

The cost of keeping one youth in confinement has increased an alarming 232%, up from \$46,662 in 2014.

\$155,000 PER YEAR

In Louisiana, the cost to keep one youth incarcerated is approximately \$155,000 per year.

(Justice Policy Institute, 2020).

WHEN REJOINING SOCIETY



LACK PREPARATION

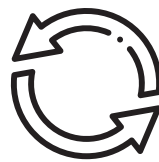
When a young man is sent to prison for years, he rejoins society as an adult who lacks preparation to:

- Get a job
- Pay taxes
- Raise a family
- Community involvement



DISEMPOWERED CITIZEN

A young man who enters prison will become a disempowered citizen. He may be on the public's payroll for the rest of his life.



A GENERATIONAL CYCLE

He may not be a present father in his children's lives. The cycle will continue and grow exponentially with each generation.

THE CARDS ARE STACKED AGAINST FATHERLESS CHILDREN

279%

CARRY GUNS

Offspring from fatherless homes more likely to carry guns.

85%

YOUTH IN PRISON

Of youth in prison come from fatherless homes.

75%

CHEMICAL ABUSE CENTERS

Of male patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes.

71%

HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS

Of high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

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BREAKING THE CYCLE

Without consistent, long-term, multi-dimensional support systemic barriers, including lack of a father figure, poverty, childhood trauma, inequitable education, housing instability, structural racism, and neighborhood violence are nearly impossible to overcome.

CONSISTENT, LONG-TERM, MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SUPPORT



EARLY PREVENTION

Son of a Saint focuses on early prevention with guidance, positive encouragement, and high expectations.



CELEBRATE INDIVIDUALITY

We engage mentees as active participants in their own development by emphasizing each youth's strengths, cultivating trust, and fostering positive relationships. We encourage and celebrate individuality.

YIELDING RESULTS



100%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE
New Orleans average: 75%



1%
STUDENTS RECEIVING OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION
New Orleans average: 9%



80%
COLLEGE ENROLLMENT
New Orleans average: 61%



0%
YOUTH NOT EMPLOYED OR IN SCHOOL (AGE 16-19)
New Orleans average: 15%



20
ACT SCORE
New Orleans average: 18



0
TEEN BIRTH RATE
New Orleans average: 29 (per 1,000)

WHAT OUR MENTEES ARE SAYING



EQUIPPED
They feel equipped to make responsible choices and reach the goals they set for themselves.



MOTIVATED
They feel motivated to attend college and have increased awareness of planning for college and career pathways.