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Neither I nor the FCV are directly involved in men's health issues, but we are very much concerned about family issues, and the involvement of men in these areas. Thus I offer two attached research papers which indirectly deal with some of the issues you are canvassing.

The first, The Facts on Fatherlessness, demonstrates how very important fathers are. When fathers are absent, children suffer, families suffer, and societies suffer. So anything to help men in general can help fathers in particular, which in turn will help us all.

The second paper is on youth suicide. Given that suicide is such a big problem for men, much of what is written in this paper will be relevant to the needs of men.

Both documents will hopefully add somewhat to your inquiry. Thanks you for holding it.

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