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Mothers and fathers should play an instrumental and equal role in the biochemical (or relational) development of children. When one parent is absent, or denied access to their biological child(ren), this can have a ripple effect on several fronts. Parentally deprived children can experience emotional, behavioral, and societal problems while coping with the compounding loss. I, Lawrence Funderburke, speak from personal experience and have seen the baggage, damage, and carnage of father-deprived children as an empowerment specialist since retiring from professional basketball.

Speech Outline

- I. At the onset, Lawrence Funderburke will discuss his background growing up in public housing with three older sisters and their single-parent mother. (This shaped his compassionate filter to empathize and prioritize the pain points of vulnerable communities, notably at-risk children, which has influenced his life's mission.)
- II. The devastating effects of fatherlessness and the impact it had on Funderburke's life in the city's most dangerous, gang-infested housing projects, Sullivant Gardens, is covered next. (The number one factor inmates and incarcerated youth pinpoint as the underlying culprit behind their predicament, according to Funderburke's work with these population groups, is paternal abandonment. Even children from middle class and affluent backgrounds suffer immensely when their biological fathers, whether by choice or force, are mezzanine caregivers.)
- III. The relational role mothers and fathers play in the life prospects and legacy pathways of children are highlighted by Funderburke from a practical and tactical perspective. (A look under the hood to uncover the biochemical keys to maternal and paternal wellbeing.)
- IV. Fathers' conditioning responsibility, Funderburke notes, should prepare children to develop perseverance while in pursuit of euphoric-driven, purposeful lives. (The lungs of a child are shaped by the oxygen deposits of a father, more specifically, an involved dad.)

Closing Comments with Q & A