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# Where Do We Go From Here:

Addresses the broader context of  
Black fatherhood in Fulton County

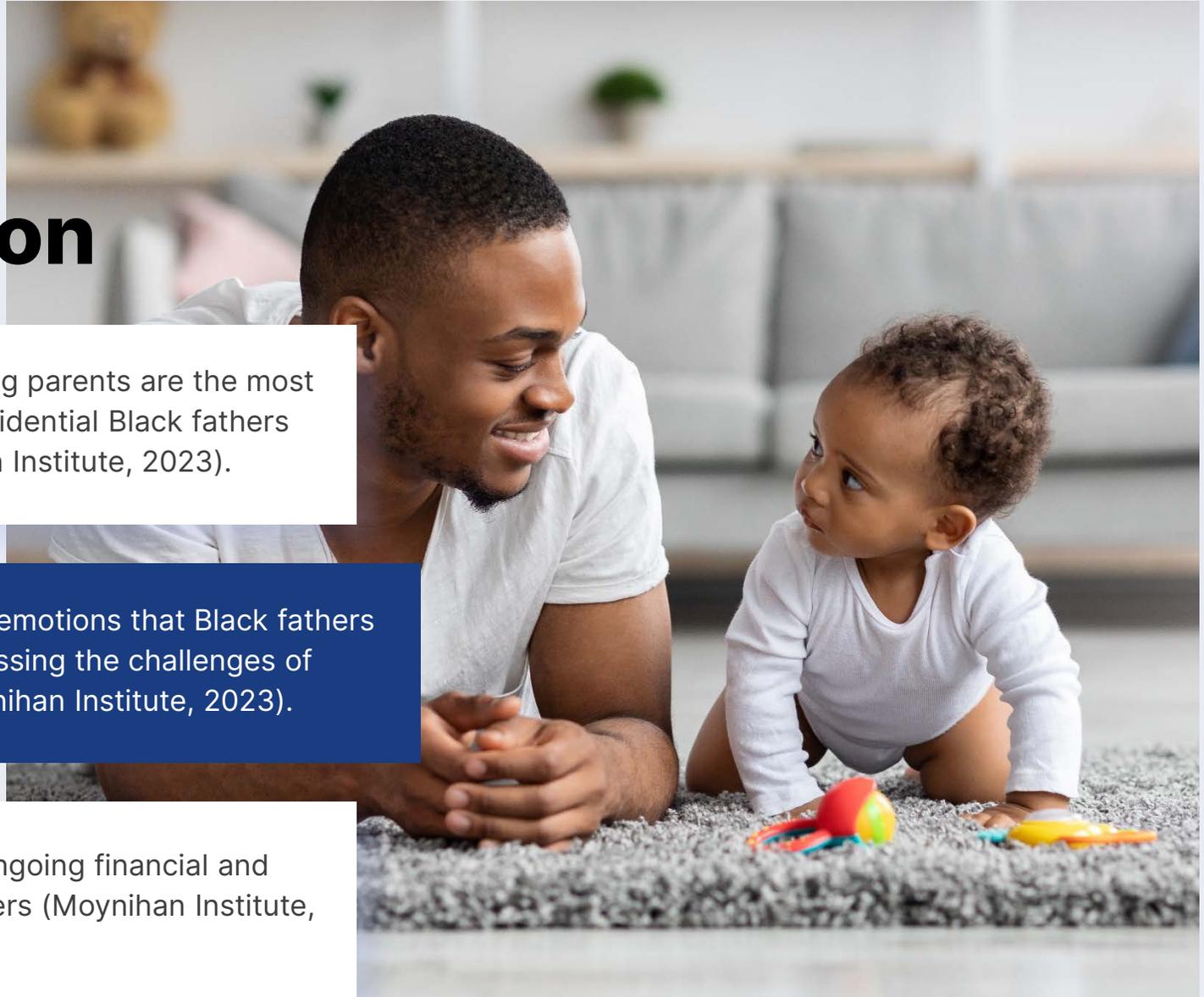
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# Co-Parenting and Communication



Co-parenting and communication among parents are the most significant challenges impacting nonresidential Black fathers interviewed in Fulton County (Moynihan Institute, 2023).



Anger and frustration are dominant emotions that Black fathers in Fulton County shared when discussing the challenges of connecting with their children (Moynihan Institute, 2023).



Child support and legitimation create ongoing financial and legal challenges for nonresidential fathers (Moynihan Institute, 2023).

## NONRESIDENTIAL FATHERING

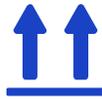
# Social and Emotional Development

For many nonresidential fathers, depression, alcoholism, and thoughts of suicide are used as coping strategies to manage the pain of being isolated from their children (Baker, 2014; Caldwell et al., 2013).

Previous research on nonresidential fathers supports data from the Moynihan Report on Black fathers in Fulton County. Nonresidential Black fathers living apart from their children encounter communication challenges with their child's mother, difficulty in bonding with their children, and contested visitation rights— significant obstacles impacting child development (Miller, 2023; Jethwani et al., 2014; Perry & Langley, 2013).



# Intergenerational Fathering



Understanding the role of healthy fatherhood and breaking cycles of generational father absence were important themes discussed by nonresidential Black fathers interviewed in Fulton County (Moynihan Institute, 2023).



Fathers express both the uncertainties of raising their children and the joys of experiencing bonding with their children during visits (Moynihan Institute, 2023).



Previous research indicates that a father's absence can motivate Black fathers to strive to be better fathers (Shears et al., 2020; Lemay et al., 2010).

# Critical Questions for the Field of Responsible Fatherhood

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**01.**

How do we engage fathers and families around effective co-parenting strategies?

**02.**

How do we support nonresidential fathering and provide resources to increase engagement among their children?

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**03.**

How do we address the marginalization of nonresidential Black fathers?