

MOVING BEYOND THE 'NON-RESIDENT FATHER' LABEL

When we talk simplistically about 'non-resident fathers', we miss the important contributions such men may make to their children's lives

years old

Some fathers live with their children full-time



Some fathers live with their children part-time - having minority, equal or even majority overnight care. Such dads are often mis-labelled 'non-resident', and implicitly assumed to be uninvolved or unimportant. 'Own household fathers' can be a more helpful term.



Also, even truly 'non-resident' fathers, with no overnight care, may still play a significant role in their children's lives (and non-residence may be temporary).

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