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According to Larson (2009), there is a trend toward waiting to marry and toward postponing the birth of the first child.

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Child support payments can be withheld from wages in more and more states (Schorr, 2001).

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Fredersen (1997) notes that "natural fathers aren't the only ones raising children on their own. As more families split up, social workers note that stepfathers increasingly are being called on to bring up other people's kids" (p. 62).

At the turn of the century many men worked long hours, which entailed their absence from the family for most of the day: That was not a rejection of fatherhood but a necessary element of it (MacNeil & O'Brien, 2002, chap. 5).

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Homes with absent fathers cost taxpayers \$99.8 billion per year ("National Fatherhood," n.d., para. 2).

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Specialized, multi-volume encyclopedia

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Magazine article with an author

Fredersen, J. H. (1997, April 13). When fathers raise children alone. *U.S. News and World Report*, 112(14), 61-62.

Magazine article with no author

Gone rehabbing: Fathers in rehab. (2006, June 5). *Parental Rehabilitation Magazine*, 13(6), 5-9.

Scholarly journal article

Larson, G. (2009). Cross-cultural studies of fatherhood. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 47(3), 18-24.

Book with editors

MacNeil, L., & O'Brien, M. B. (Eds.). (2002). *The father figure* (3rd ed.). Tavistock.

Book

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Web video such as from YouTube

TED. (2013, January 23). *Colin Powell: Kids need structure* [Video]. YouTube. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhYnouvrG_8

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Evans, G. (1998, May 15). A father's place is in the home. *New Statesman & Society*, 11(4385), 22-23.

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Kohama, S. (2002). Genetics: Parental influence. In D. J. Ekerdt (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of aging* (Vol. 2, pp. 553-555). Macmillan Reference USA.

Online Sources from the Web:

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