Building Strong Families 2004: African American and Latino/Latina Parents

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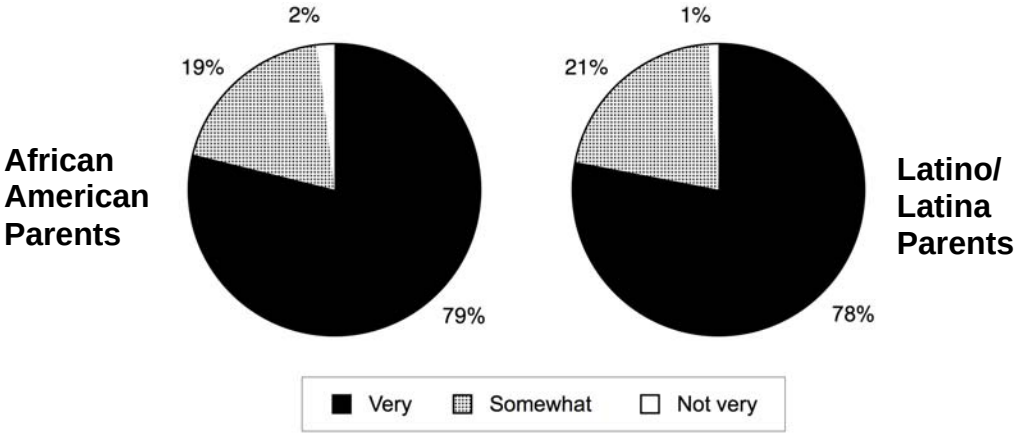
Most Parents Feel Successful as Parents

The majority of African American and Latino/a parents feel very successful as parents.



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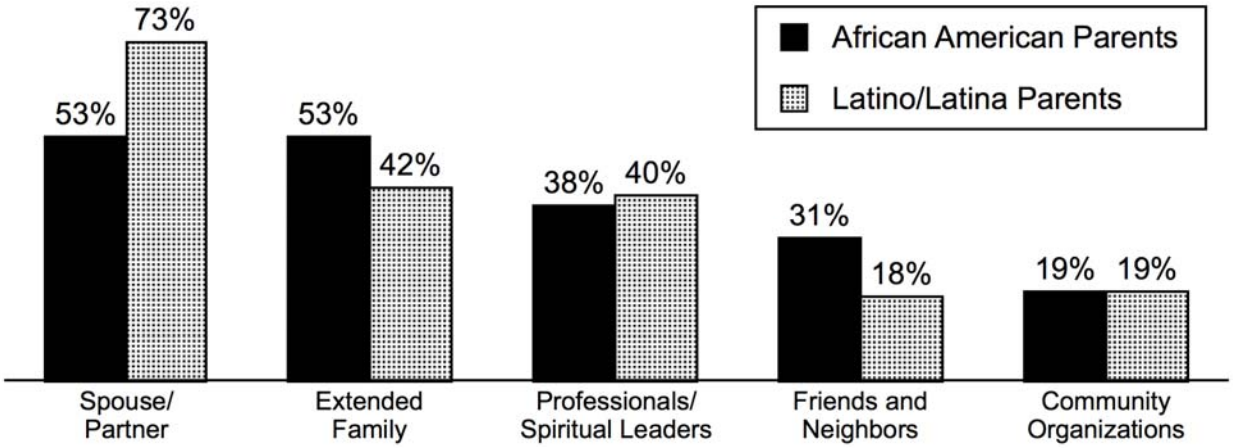
Where Parents Turn for Support in Parenting

Having a network of support is an important resource for parents. African American and Latino/a parents are most likely to look close to home for support and encouragement in parents. Here are the percentages of parents who say each source of support helps them a lot as parents. Overall, almost 60% of parents have only one source of support beyond their spouse or partner.



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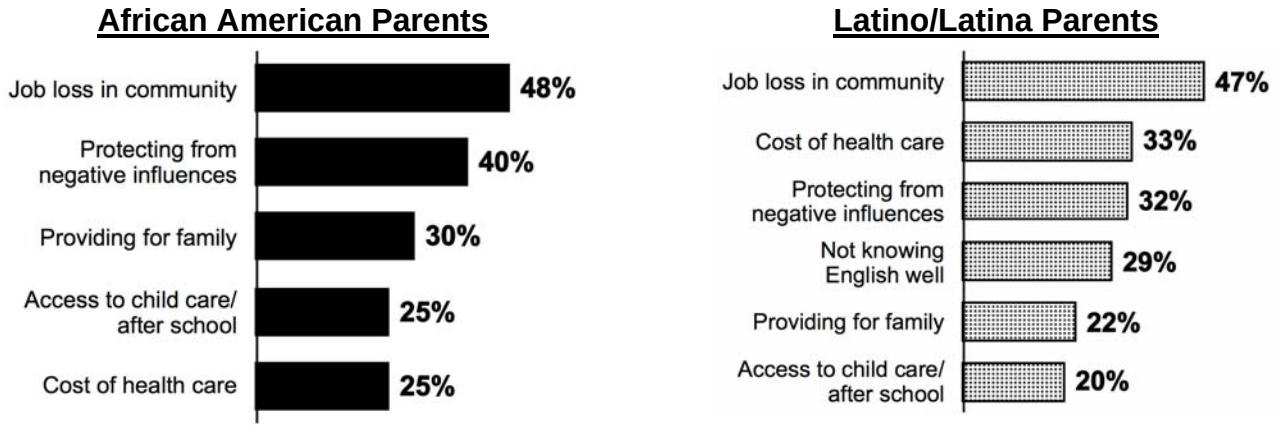
Challenges Parents Face

African American and Latino/Latina parents both say that job loss in the community is the greatest challenge they face as parents. Other challenges are shown here.



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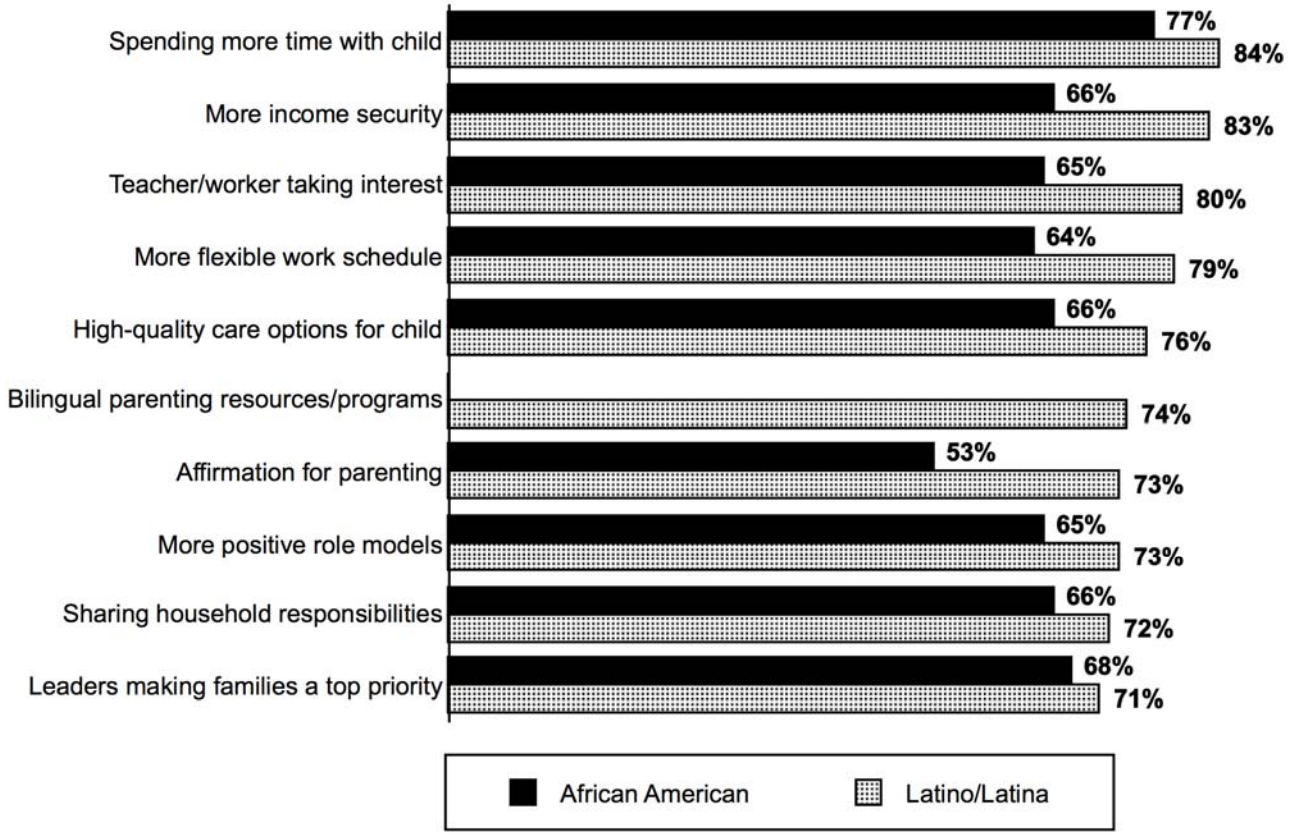
What Parents Say Would Help Them as Parents

Spending more time with their child is the #1 thing that African American and Latino/a parents say would help them "a lot" as parents. Here are the supports they say would help the most.



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