

Rationale

The Mississippi Healthy Marriage Initiative is a collaboration of community organizations, agencies, groups, and individuals in recognition and support of the rationale that healthy marriages have benefits for both adults and children.



THE BENEFITS FOR ADULTS

- Better emotional and physical health
- Higher productivity at work
- Reduced risk of suicide
- Reduced risk of poverty for self and family
- Longer life expectancy
- Lower risk of injury, illness, and disability

THE BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN

- Better physical and emotional health
- Less juvenile delinquency and school failure
- Increased chance of graduating college
- Reduced risk of alcohol and substance abuse
- Reduced risk of child abuse

For more information

and a list of available classes
and events, please visit

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*Developing Strong Couples
&
Healthy Children in Mississippi*



OUR *Mission*

The mission of the Mississippi Healthy Marriage Initiative is to improve the family relationships of all Mississippians by—

- Raising awareness and building broad public support for and recognition of the importance of healthy marriages and relationships.
- Providing skills-based programs and resources to Mississippi families that promote healthy relationships across the lifespan.
- Empowering and equipping local leaders and professionals who work with and provide services to families.

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Goals

- Decrease divorce rates
- Increase marital satisfaction and stability
- Increase the number of children living in two-parent married households
- Decrease the number of out-of-wedlock births
- Increase child well-being
- Increase the quantity and quality of relationship education programs available to individuals, couples, and families in Mississippi

AVAILABLE *Programs*

- Relationship Skills for Teens
- Singlehood & Dating
- Premarital Education for Engaged Couples
- Marriage & Relationship Strengthening
- Parenting
- Stepfamily Education & Preparation
- Family Education
- Grandparenting & Caregiving

