

IMPACTS ON CHILDREN

- DUAL NATURE OF WORKERS' SACRIFICE
- CANADIAN PAYCHEQUES MEAN BIG GAINS AND BIG LOSSES FOR MEXICAN FAMILIES
 - “MY MOTIVATION IS MY KIDS (..) SO MUCH MISERY, SUCH POVERTY (..) HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT I HAVE MY KIDS AND I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM GROW UP?”
- SACRIFICES *FOR* THE FAMILY = SACRIFICES *BY* THE FAMILY

CHILDREN'S RESPONSES TO THEIR ABSENT FATHERS

- FATHERS BECOME STRANGERS
- CHILDREN REJECT THEIR FATHERS
 - “HOW CAN SHE LOVE A STRANGER?”
- CHILDREN BECOME SICK AND/OR DEPRESSED
- CHILDREN'S INSECURITY WHEN FATHER NOT THERE TO PROTECT THEM
- CHILDREN'S SADNESS & ANGER WHEN FATHERS MISS IMPORTANT EVENTS (GRADUATIONS, BIRTHDAYS, FIRST COMMUNIONS)

CHILDREN'S RESPONSES TO FATHERS ALSO DIRECTED AGAINST MOTHERS

- REBELLION AGAINST MOTHERS
- CHILDREN LACK PATERNAL CONTROL
- DECLINES IN SCHOOL MOTIVATION & PERFORMANCE
- “THEY OVERPOWER THE MOTHER’S AUTHORITY”
- CHILDREN’S VIOLENCE, EARLY PREGNANCY, DRUG ADDICTION

IMPACTS OF ABSENT FATHERS ON FAMILY CULTURE & COHESION

- WHEN FATHER ISN'T THERE TO TEACH CHILDREN "TO RESPECT PEOPLE, TO BE KIND"
- FAMILIES THAT BREAK UP

LINKING FAMILY RESEARCH TO LABOUR POLICY CHANGES

- HOW CAN WE USE THIS RESEARCH TO ENGAGE HEARTS & MINDS?
- RECOGNIZING UNDERLYING POWER IMBALANCES BETWEEN SAWP EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS
- NEED FOR CREATIVE POLICY IMPROVEMENTS THAT MEET WORKERS' & FAMILIES' *HUMAN* NEEDS
 - BETTER TELEPHONE & INTERNET COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES IN MEXICO
 - FAMILIES VISIT FATHERS/HUSBANDS IN CANADA
 - FATHERS/HUSBANDS VISIT FAMILIES
 - WORKERS CHOOSE LENGTHS OF CONTRACTS
 - AVERAGING OUT PAY TO PROVIDE MORE STABLE REMITTANCES TO FAMILIES