

# Cohabitation and Co-parenting in Urban Black Families: Early Findings from a Mixed-Methods Study

Characteristics of cohabiting unions among impoverished urban Blacks with adolescents in the household, differentiated by union type

**Men who have recently moved in with custodial mothers**

“Slide” into the household

Not very active in coparenting

Contribute to the household in other ways, such as household responsibilities and financial support

**Women who have recently moved in with custodial fathers**

Decide to move in together

Very active in coparenting at outset

Contribute to the household in other ways as well, such as household responsibilities

**Men who have lived with custodial mothers for 2 – 5 years**

Decide to remain living together

Active in coparenting

Household responsibilities agreed on

Marriage-like (?)



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