## **Philosophical Changes**



- Using outreach programs such as the Father Factor Program & the August Child Support Awareness Event

- Modifying orders to zero once incarcerated as to not build up arrearages they cannot afford to pay

- Take down wanted posters in the lobby; no longer the use of "deadbeat dad"

- Waiver and Compromise: Reducing Assigned Arrears

- Changing how Support Officers positively interact with clients during the economic downturn



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# Hidden rules of economic class

America's lower, middle and upper classes view basic issues in different ways, according to social scientists, Here are some typical assumptions by members of the three economic classes.

	Poverty	MIDDLE CLASS	WEALTH
Possessions	People	Things	One-of-a-kind objects, legacies, pedigrees.
MONEY	To be used, spent.	To be managed.	To be conserved, invested.
Food	Key question: Did you have enough? Quantity important.	Key question: Did you like it?	Key question: Was it presented well? Presentation important.
CLOTHING	Clothing valued for individual style and expression of personality.	Clothing valued for its quality and acceptance into the norms of middle class. Label important.	Clothing valued for its artistic sense and expression. Designer important.
EDUCATION	Valued and revered as abstract but not as reality. Education is about facts.	Crucial for climbing success ladder and making money.	Necessary tradition for making and maintaining connections.
World View	Sees world in terms of local setting.	Sees world in terms of national setting.	Sees world in terms of an international view.



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## **Understanding Economic Poverty**

**Causes of Poverty:** 

**Behaviors of Individual** 

Human/Social Capital in Community

**Exploitation** 

**Political/Economic Structures** 

**Barriers to Change:** 

**Poverty Itself** 

Family/Social Networks

\* Community Providers

Society as a Whole

People representing the two ends of the continuum argue the causes and cures of poverty most ardently. Rather than being an either/or proposition, the research on poverty shows that it is a *both/and* reality. Poverty is about *both* the choices of the poor *and* the political/economic structures; and, furthermore, it is about everything in between.

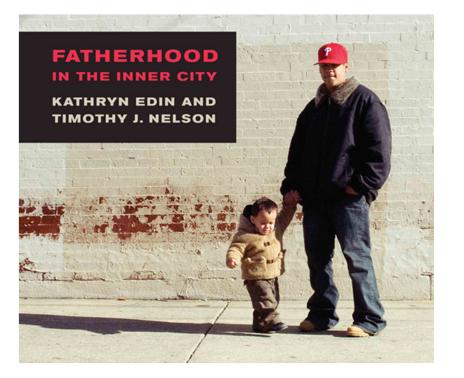


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### What If Everything You Knew About Poverty Was Wrong?





'Doing the Best I Can' is a strikingly rich, paradigm-shifting look at fatherhood among inner-city men often dismissed as "deadbeat dads." Kathryn Edin and Timothy J. Nelson examine how couples in challenging straits come together and get pregnant so quickly—without planning.



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