

## PTA Essay

The male figure that has had the most influence over me is my dad. My dad has influenced me with his parental involvement, with his encouragement to do my best, and by modeling perseverance.

My dad is involved in my life. He cares for me by providing me with a place to live, food to eat and warm clothes. He cares about what I do. He comes to my activities and has become one of my biggest fans. He cares about my spiritual, physical and mental well being.

My dad encourages me to do my very best at whatever I do. He helps me pursue my academics and other things to help me grow. He sends me to youth group, and to other church retreats that help me to mature spiritually. He plays games with me and helps me prepare for tests. He will often help me make up some funny little ditty to help me remember things for tests. He sits down and helps me with my homework. The most important thing to do is to do my very best no matter what.

My dad has been a model of perseverance. My dad has done things of which he is not proud and has paid the consequences. He says we all make mistakes. He has taught me to face my consequences, take responsibility for my actions and to be deliberate in my actions. He has

taught me about integrity, honesty and courage. He has also taught me,"  
The choices you make will directly affect the quality of your life and those  
around you." He has done this by showing me what to do by his example  
and by what I should not do by his example. Perseverance and doing the  
right thing will eventually pay off.

My dad is not perfect, but he is my dad. He has modeled for me  
how to be a good role model to others. This takes time, dedication and  
involvement.