Figure 4: Barriers to fathers’ involvement during pregnancy

“‘It’s [child support] used as a negative tool instead of what is supposed to be: financial support for that to help raise your child . . . but when it’s looked at as a tool to get back at me or to hurt me, because we’re not together, then that’s [it] becomes a problem.’”

“I think that unhealthy relationship plays a big part why their fathers are not here because the fathers feel like they can’t actively be a part of their kids’ lives and mess with Tasha and he’s not with you.”

Sometimes some dads get more stressed about being a father because P[hey’re] just not being educated on the facts.

There’s a lot of brothers out here dying, they got kids, and now the kids ain’t got no dad...

A lot of men today don’t have grandfathers, they got grandmothers, so they still don’t know how to be the man from a man’s perspective.