

FACILITATOR RESOURCE

COUPLE SCENARIOS

COUPLE #1: JASMINE AND MARCUS

You've been together for four years and have a 2-year-old daughter. Marcus, you work full time in a minimum wage job. You have a 6-year-old son, Aaron, from a different mother. You give Aaron's mother money off and on when you have it. Jasmine, you do temp work off and on. You are living together in a small one bedroom apartment in a tough neighborhood and are trying to move to a larger apartment in a safer area. You found out today that you're having a baby! Standing in this couple's shoes, how do you feel?

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COUPLE #2: LONDELL AND SHANICE

You've been together for two years. Shanice, you were a mother with a 3-year-old daughter (Imani) when you met Londell. The two of you had only been together for three months, when you got pregnant. Londell, you were really stressed when Shanice told you she was pregnant and you stayed away from her until your son, Dante, was born. Shanice, you forgave Londell when he showed up at the hospital and promised to become a real family. Londell, you do construction work that pays well but isn't regular. Shanice, you receive public assistance and live in a one-bedroom apartment subsidized by Section 8. Londell moved into your apartment after Dante's birth and he pays most of the bills except rent. Londell is great with your daughter Imani who has a lot of behavior problems. Dante is now one year old. You found out today that you're having a baby! Standing in this couple's shoes, how do you feel?

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COUPLE #3: CACHE AND BRANDON

The two of you have been together for two years. You have a 1-year-old son, Antonio. Both of you would like to have another child in a few years, hopefully a girl. Cache, you attend community college and are studying to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN). Six months ago, you and Antonio moved into Brandon's tiny efficiency apartment. It's really hard to be in such a small space so you've been complaining a lot. Brandon, you work full time in a minimum wage job. You're expecting a \$900 tax refund and you're planning to use that as a security deposit on a one-bedroom apartment. You found out today that you're having a baby! Standing in this couple's shoes, how do you feel?

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COUPLE #4: ADRIAN AND LAKEISHA

You've been together off and on for the last 8 years and have two children: 7-year-old Adrian Jr. and 1-year-old Kyra. Adrian, you're an ex-offender and you've had a tough time finding employment since your release from prison two years ago. You're a hard worker who does a lot of off-the-books jobs, painting or helping a friend who does home improvement work. Unfortunately, the work is not dependable so you're unemployed a lot. Lakeisha, you're an upbeat, fun-loving woman who is Adrian's biggest supporter. Right now you're living with Adrian's father, James, and stepmother, Alicia, but Alicia wants you and the two kids out as soon as possible. You found out today that you're having a baby! Standing in this couple's shoes, how do you feel?

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