

Gay Fathers of Quadruplets Split

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A history-making homosexual couple has now become a dramatic illustration of the dangers of homosexual parenting and same-sex marriage. Michael Meehan and Thomas Dysarz, the “co-parents” of five children (including a set of quadruplets) have split up.

The breakup of the couple became public knowledge two weeks ago after a failed attempt by Mr. Meehan to have a restraining order placed on Dysarz. Meehan cited domestic violence as the reason for his complaint.

The men made history when they became the first known homosexual couple to both have fathered children via the same surrogate mother. Brooke Verity, the mother of the children, agreed to become the surrogate for Mr. Dysarz, who cut her hair at his salon. Ms. Verity became the mother of three boys and a girl through in vitro fertilization (IVF), sired by Mr. Meehan.

Ten months later, Ms. Verity was again impregnated using IVF, only this time, the baby was sired by Mr. Dysarz. Ms. Verity gave birth in January to the fifth addition to the family.

This tragic case illustrates the problems for homosexual households that affect not only the couple but the children entrusted to their care. Homosexual couples, for example, have a much higher rate of violence in a relationship than normal married heterosexual couples.

According to Gregory L. Greenwood, writing in the *American Journal of Public Health*, the “prevalence of physical battering

among urban MSM (Men Who Have Sex with Men) was significantly higher than either the annual prevalence of severe violence or the annual prevalence of total violence among a representative sample of women who were married or cohabiting with men.” This is hardly the sort of family setting that would develop children into healthy adults.

Studies also indicate that promiscuity is rampant in homosexual relationships. David P. McWhirter and Andrew M. Mattison, in a study of male homosexual relationships, report that “all couples with a relationship lasting more than five years have incorporated some provision for outside sexual activity in their relationship.”

Children raised in a homosexual household are more likely to engage in sexual experimentation and homosexual behavior. The journal *Developmental Psychology* noted that “recent studies indicate that a higher proportion of children of lesbi-gay parents are themselves apt to engage in homosexual activity.”

The claim, widely repeated by homosexual activists and their allies, that there is “no difference” between children raised by homosexuals (including homosexual couples) and those raised by heterosexuals (especially heterosexual married couples) is simply false. If same-sex civil marriage becomes more widespread, one predictable consequence is that more children will suffer the kind of trauma being inflicted on their kids by Michael Meehan and Thomas Dysarz.