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70% of wealthy families lose their wealth by the second generation, and a stunning 90% by the third, according to the Williams Group wealth consultancy.

U.S. Trust recently surveyed high-net-worth individuals with more than \$3 million in investable assets to find out how they are preparing the next generation for handling significant wealth.

"Looking at the numbers, 78% feel the next generation is not financially responsible enough to handle inheritance," says Chris Heilmann, U.S. Trust's chief fiduciary executive.

And 64% admit they have disclosed little to nothing about their wealth to their children.