

PARENTING: HOW TO RAISE happy & productive CHILDREN

Make your children feel loved.

Show affection. Make them safe and secure.

Be a part of your children's lives.

Be available and involved. Spend quality time with your children, alone, and as a family.

Build confidence.

Be your children's biggest cheerleader. Help them develop self-esteem and self-reliance through active guidance and nurturing.

Shape character.

Use real-life experiences to build and reinforce moral character, personal values, and self-sufficiency.

Promote basic values.

Teach your children the difference between right and wrong and the importance of living by those principles.

Inspire good habits.

Set high expectations. Encourage habits that promote good health, happiness, and success.

Support the importance of education.

Encourage curiosity while stressing the importance of continuous improvement and lifelong learning.

Teach life skills.

Teach your kids "how to fish" rather than making them dependent on your generosity.

Give unconditional love.

Celebrate wins and offer a shoulder to cry on when times are tough.

Know how your children are being influenced.

Know where your children are, and with whom, and how they're using social media.

Encourage personal responsibility.

Teach your children that they are accountable for their words and actions.

Show some discipline.

Be tough, but fair. Remember, if you don't address poor behavior, you're encouraging it through your inaction.

Be a great role model.

Demonstrate the importance of living with honor and integrity by being true to your own rules and standards.

Celebrate traditions.

Tradition offers an excellent forum to showcase role models and celebrate the things that really matter in life.

Be optimistic and hopeful.

When kids grow up, they hear their parent's voice in their subconscious. Teach them they can achieve their dreams by working hard, doing what's right, and putting their mind to it.

Clarify life's journey.

Teach your kids the difference between success and happiness and help them live a purposeful life.

