

## Building Good Relationships with your Children

1. Encourage success in school:
  - Don't push too hard or too little
  - Celebrate important school events
  - Tell your story, but draw lessons
  
2. Set boundaries
  - Play the parent tape; it's OK
  - Be consistent
  - This is a PARENT'S job
  
3. Teach shared values
  - Teach by example: yelling at games, swearing at other drivers
  - Don't try to buy love
  - Personal values
  - Have family rituals
  
4. Teach respect for differences
  - Teach tolerance
  - How boring it would be if we were all alike
  - Celebrate your own cultural and religious heritage
  
5. Guide decision making
  - F.A. N. G. : consult family, advisors, neighbors and God
  - Explore consequences with children: let them live with them: money to spend uptown
  - Give financial advice

6. Have meaningful conversations  
Put down the paper, TV, etc.  
Why would a child have a TV, PC in his room?

7. Expect respect for adults  
It's also a 2-way street  
Teach civility