

FATHER INVOLVEMENT

Yes, you **Dad** can make a difference!

- » **Get involved with your child from the beginning**– bathe, burp, cuddle and take the baby for a walk.
- » **Have regular one-on-one time with each child**– turn off the TV, put the paper down, and talk with your child. Take your child with you to run errands, do an activity that the child enjoys or spend special time right before bedtime.
- » **Show affection often**- give a hug and praise them when they do well.
- » **Take your child to work**– let them see where you go when you say “Daddy’s going to work.”
- » **Plan your work around your family**– make sure to be there for special events.
- » **Share your talents with your child**– let them enjoy your talents and hobbies with you.
- » **Stay connected with your child**– you may not live with your child or you may have to travel, but you can set up a special time to call and see how they are doing. Let them know you care!
- » **Know all there is to know about your child**– know their likes, dislikes, their friends and their teachers.



Each father is different and he parents in his own way, but the experts say that effective fathers have some of the same parenting skills:

- ➔ They are involved in the day-to-day lives of their children.
- ➔ They show their love.
- ➔ They provide support: financially, emotionally, mentally, physically, socially and spiritually.
- ➔ They practice fair discipline.
- ➔ They provide a stable environment.



Yes, being a father is not an easy job but your child’s growth and development is enhanced through your actions as a father.

Attention All Parents!

Many schools are asking parents to join them in a partnership to ensure their child’s success in school. You might be asked to sign a contract or an agreement about what you will do, what the school will do, and also what your child will do as steps to success. Even if your school does not ask you to sign a contract, here is a checklist for you to consider that will help your child be successful at school and in life. You can add other items that you think are important.



Parent Checklist

- ⇒ Talk with my child about school.
- ⇒ Provide books and other reading materials in our home.
- ⇒ Watch TV shows and discuss them with my child.
- ⇒ Help my child with homework.
- ⇒ Attend school activities and programs with my child.
- ⇒ Check my child’s backpack for notes and newsletters from school.
- ⇒ Tell my child every day how much I love him or her.



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