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What's coming up

Raising a teen takes patience and a sense of humor



Toddler or Teen

"Teens take a lot of patience, a sense of humor, and a lot of love, even when they're not being very lovable." - Kathy, mom of three. If you're a parent, you've probably heard another parent say, "Just wait until they're a teen!" Yes, raising teenagers can be stressful, frustrating, and exhausting - and it can leave you questioning everything you thought you knew about parenting! It can also be rewarding, exciting, and fun, yes, fun!

They are dramatic, irrational, do stupid things, and they have a need for both independence and loving care - this is true for both toddlers and teens!

Kids brains have a massive growth spurt at a very young age and again during adolescence. The upside of all the chaos - it's easier for them to learn which allows new talents and skills to develop.



This comparison activity completed by a parent group

"This group helped me step back and not take everything my son did so personally - to see his mistakes as his way to understand life and not just a way to irritate me."-Jay, father of one. The hard part remembering that connections between the emotional and the decision



making part of the brain are still developing—and may not develop at the same rate or sometimes they don't think as much as they feel.

"My favorite take away is to ask, do you want my advice or do you need me to just listen?"-Ruby, mom of four girls

"One way to think about it is that the brain has two sides – an impulsive side, and a cautious side – and they balance one another. Before we reach adulthood, the impulsive side of the brain is charging ahead, while the cautious side of the brain is still playing catchup. The result is a teenager."

"The Evolutionary Advantage of the Teenage Brain," by the University of California

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Family Resource Center is excited to share we will have a home in Madras soon!



Look for additional announcements soon!









"The most important thing we can do — the best predictor for how a kid turns out is if they are securely attached to at least one person," explains Bryson. The kind of relationship you provide for your children changes how their brain develops over time. -Tina Payne Bryson, PhD

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Parenting Resources

Parent Blog

Quick Tips for Parents

Parent Heart, Body, &

Mind Activities

Family Activities

Family Read Aloud

Stories

Vroom

Parent Newsletters



Finding Parenting Peace & Calm







Diversity of Dinners!

Dinner doesn't have to look just one way

Grocery Store Drama

Kids pestering you at the grocery store?

Afraid of the Dark?

Tips to help your child overcome night fears

Family Activities for All Ages



Family Chores Idea!

A fun idea from a local parent!



The Move Jar!

2-12 year old Indoor/ Outdoor



Gratitude Letter

8 Years Old - Adult Indoor