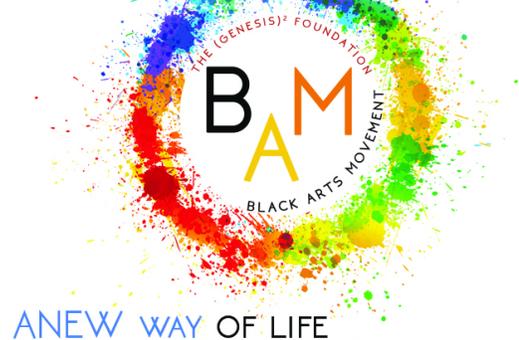


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What do you believe is the key to being a successful parent?

“The time spent you together, is always remembered.” - Mr. Fields

Be Attentive: be hands on, be like BAM right in their face, have a parental presence give hugs, kisses, high five not just material things they your need guidance and sense of direction, understand your beliefs, rules and regulations.

Toddlers and teens need the same amount of attention, because of outside issues, friends.

Open and honest communication: Establish trust and an open line of communication. Also be truthful. Start early so during their teenage years, they are comfortable to talking about different things. Be involved in as much as possible in education and their extracurricular activities. Your presence is always needed.

Love: Show love in many different ways. Be an encouraging, go places and do things with our children. Make your relationship personal. Find things they like. Schedule personal times for quality time to “be there” in your child’s life. Pass on the love of things you value like artist, music, instruments, sports ect.

Membership Additions:

How important is it for a parent to be involved in a child's life?

“Your child is an extension of you”- Mrs. Sawyer

*What happens to children when parents are not there?
They will seek out someone to give them the love, care and understanding.*

- ★ **Parent relationships without the fathers involvement is hard on young boys.** Our boys go astray and have no one to look too.
- ★ Children need a nurturing environment.

Parents and children are a team.

- ★ Children need to be nurtured, coached, encouraged, and ministered to.

- ★ **Know** what our children participate in an help out in during some of the activities. Because of what our children will face, our children need to be protected and loved.
- ★ We can read and learn together.
- ★ **Seek resources** for parent support....being there for children more than money being there.
- ★ Family involvement is also key. Remember Aunts, Uncles, Cousins are teachers too
- ★ Learning how to be raised with a full family & learning how to like each other is important.
- ★ Parents take action on in our children's education. Place our children in schools where they are successful. Parent/teacher conferences don't lie. Ask follow up questions about how to address poor academic reports.
- ★ With "special ed", our kids are not progressing. They are taught the same things over & over.
- ★ Track our children interest to match up with the college and career readiness. Support our childrens goals.
- ★ Stimulate and encourage our children's thinking.
- ★ Using creative arts as a learning tool. They won't know they are learning.

Membership Additions:

What type of discipline do you think is necessary to raise a successful child?

"This is what I expect and I expect you to get there." - Miss Satchell

- ★ if they know you love them their behavior will change
- ★ if they question your quality of love discipline may be more difficult.

Gentle but firm

- ★ time outs
- ★ have a tough talk.
- ★ Our children should have fear/respect for their parents and authority
- ★ Getting whoopings every now and then.
- ★ If mistakes are made, talk about it. Sometimes resulting in a whooping and some don't.
- ★ Limit whooping...become strategic with the way you discipline
- ★ A strong relationship and bad behavior could hurt/disappoint parents.
- ★ Do other creative avenues of discipline.

Discipline is not violence...it deals with self control and creates an opportunity to grow.

- ★ Give them an instruction, i.e. go to your room, process with them for understanding and recap what happened so it becomes a learning opportunity.
- ★ Change thinking and behavior because everyone has the ability to be a critical thinker.
- ★ Talk with our children for discipline & punishment options.
- ★ We have to have forgiveness and love with each punishment.
- ★ Culturally we were beaten into submission...and we unfortunately regurgitated that form of punishment.
- ★ Learn from our mistakes.
- ★ Take an Adult timeout if need be.
- ★ Give alternative creative ways of discipline for accountability in school for example write out why you did something.

Membership Additions:

What ages can kids start branching off to left wing or right wing behavior track?

"Develop a plan by 8th grade." - Miss Young

"You can put all kinds of things into our children and you never know what's going to come out."- Miss Satchell

3 & 4th grade

3rd Grade is critical because their literacy & math tests determine how many jail cells are built.

- ★ Have the ability to read and write, if they have not learned to read they cannot read to learn.
- ★ Parents ask questions to understand how to support their students.
- ★ Understand how and what kind of intervention needs to happen in childrens life.

5th grade boys may start to veer off into a thug mentality and do things that get them in trouble.

- ★ Many teachers are from the suburbs and they don't know or understand our children.
- ★ We have to create community opportunities our youth not go astray.
- ★ Everything in society influences our children...when it should be based on reality for each particular child.

Girls ages 12 & 13 are trying to form their identity, our children are trying to emulate "model" behavior.

Boys ages 9 & 10 are perpetrating the "alpha male"... "acting smart is white" and not cool.

- ★ Our boys and girls need more positive outlets for discovering themselves.
- ★ Our society has lies that make our communities look broken.
- ★ Ask our children what they want, our children are bored with the learning environments and we have to give them a different opportunity.
- ★ Its hard for others to accommodate some of our children's behaviors. WE see behaviors as richness, fullness, and can it can be used for growth.
- ★ Money follows our children to the school system.
- ★ Children always have insecurities especially "bad" ones
- ★ Parents should be encouraging and helpful with finding solutions
- ★ Our children must know their history.
- ★ Our children have to get to a point where they have input on their education.
- ★ There are 7 different learning styles. (Visual,logical, verbal, auditory/music, physical, independent, social)
- ★ We have to identify how these work best for our children.
- ★ People do not understand how to teach our children.

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