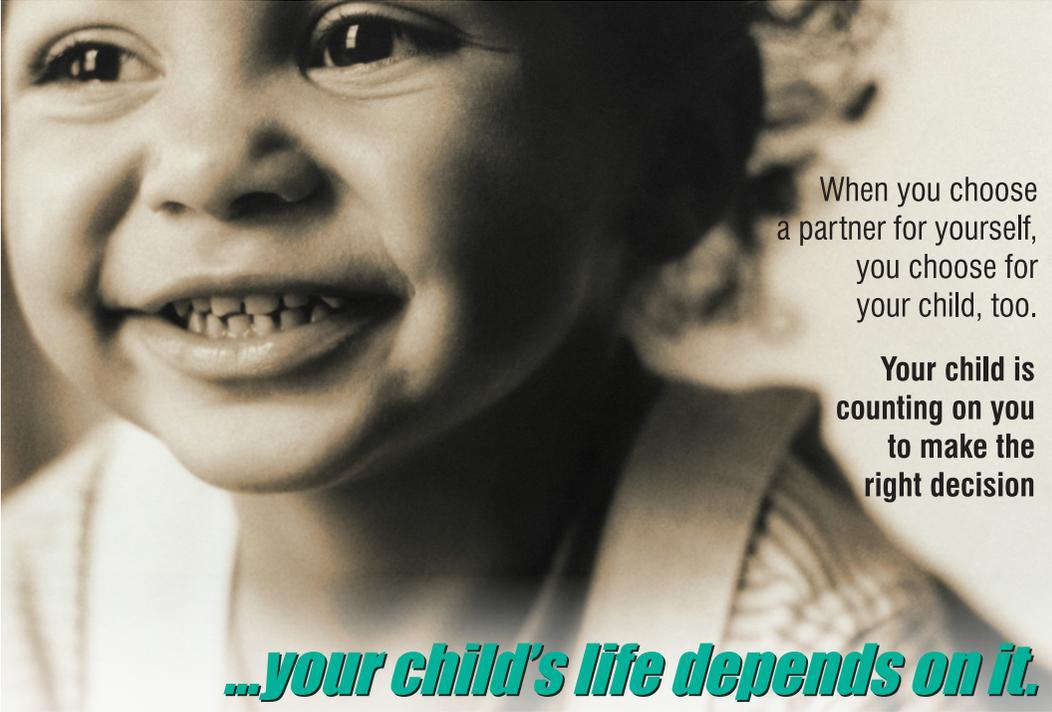


Choose Your Partner Carefully



When you choose a partner for yourself, you choose for your child, too.

Your child is counting on you to make the right decision

...your child's life depends on it.

Does Your Partner:

- Show anger or impatience when your child cries or has a tantrum?
- Call your child **BAD NAMES**?
- Think it is funny to **SCARE** your child?
- Stop you from bringing your child to family events?
- **MAKE ALL** decisions for you and your child?
- Tell you that you're a bad parent or that you should not have your kids?
- Pretend that **WHEN THEY HURT YOUR CHILD** that you are to **BLAME** or that it's **NO BIG DEAL**?
- Make your child **SCARED** by using guns, knives or other weapons?
- Tell you that your child is a nuisance?
- Get **ANGRY** when you spend time with your child?

If you answered "yes" to even one of these questions, your child may be at risk.

Never leave your baby with someone you don't trust with your child's life...

Get to know a person before you allow access to your children:



Don't let them
move in too quickly...

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- Know if your partner has a criminal history:
 - 1) Check Franklin County Municipal Court Clerks Office – www.fcmcclerk.com for warrants and arrests.
 - 2) Check the Ohio Attorney General Sex Offender Registry direct link at www.icrimewatch.net/index.php?AgencyID=55149
- How do they treat the women in their family?
- How do they treat other children (nieces, nephews, friend's children)?
- Does your partner have children? What kind of parent are they?
- How have they treated former lovers and spouses?

You can receive help:

- For child care information contact **Action for Children** at **614-224-0222** or www.actionforchildren.org
- To report abuse call **Franklin County Children Services** at **614-229-7000**
- For parenting resources call **Franklin County Children Services** at **614-275-2523** or www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services
- For more information and parenting resources, contact **The Center for Family Safety and Healing** at **614-722-8200** or www.familysafetyandhealing.org



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

