



Father Knows Best

Dads, Stepdads, Uncles, Grandpas...

You all have a special place in your children's lives. Children who have men involved in their daily lives tend to be well adjusted and better equipped for success. You are important! Your interest and love makes a significant difference.

Play with your child. Whether you're putting together a puzzle, playing sports, enjoying a trip to the park or doing some other activity, children love it when you take the time to play with them.

Be firm, but gentle. Create rules and boundaries and make sure your children understand why they need to follow them. Be consistent.

Be someone your children can talk to. Can your children sit down and discuss their hopes, fears, dreams and relationship issues with you? Open up to them and they will open up to you. Share your thoughts, feelings and experiences with them. As they grow older, your children will remember these special conversations.

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