Tips for Thriving Families

Tips for Parents/Caregivers:

- 1. Have fun with your teens online! Find positive outlets or activities to keep your family engaged together.
- 2. Find a parent support group or start one in your community!
- 3. Ask other parents for help if you need it and offer help to other parents when you can!
- 4. Take 15 minutes out of each day to really check in with your child
- 5. Spend quality time with your child by reading a book together.
- 6. Be a role model for your child by showing them how to respect others by listening to them without interrupting.
- 7. Parents and caregivers make time for yourself to decompress each day.
- 8. As a parent it's okay to rely on others for help when you need it!

Tips for Extended Family:

- 1. Take the grandkids for a long weekend to give mom and dad a break.
- 2. Be a fun uncle or aunt! Spend time with your nieces and nephews.
- 3. Spend time with your younger family members, they'll remember it forever!
- 4. Take time to get to know your younger cousins, nieces, nephews, and siblings by asking them what made them laugh today!
- 5. Lend an ear to the parents in your family.
- 6. Support your grown children by reminding them that they're good parents.

Tips for Friends and Neighbors:

- 1. Visit a neighbor with kids to see how they're doing and if you can grab anything for them while you're at the store!
- 2. Create your village by introduce yourself to the other families in your neighborhood!
- 3. The best way to support a family you know is by asking 'How can I help?'
- 4. If babysitting isn't your thing you can still help parents by running an errand or helping around the house.
- 5. Take the time to ask a child in your life about their hopes and dreams.

Tips for Childcare Professionals:

- 1. Teachers are an invaluable support for families and can help children thrive by staying connected to their parents.
- 2. Help the children you work with feel safe and comfortable when you're together.
- 3. Connect parents to resources that can help them and their children.
- 4. As a professional consider how your org can help children and families in your community!
- 5. Be patient with the children you work with, it'll make a big difference.

Tips for All Audiences:

- 1. Compliment a child in your life to let them know how special they are.
- 2. Be sure to remind the child in your life that you're proud of them.
- 3. Encourage a parent! Something as small as saying "we've been there" or "you've got this" to a mom with a toddler during a tantrum can help.
- 4. Remind parents they're doing a good job!
- 5. Volunteer to be a mentor to a child in your community!
- 6. Spend time with the children in your life by volunteering for a cause together.

Resources:

- GetParentingTips.com
- Child Abuse Prevention Month Resources
- NCAPM Outreach Toolkit
- TCCWB Go Blue Day

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