

# **Effective parenting includes . . .**

- 1. Showing children love, concern, and respect at all times.**
- 2. Giving children a safe place to live and play.**
- 3. Helping children express all their feelings appropriately and listening to what they say.**
- 4. Giving children appropriate choices whenever possible.**
- 5. Having reasonable rules that are understood by all.**
- 6. Being responsible and teaching children to be responsible.**
- 7. Spending time with children.**
- 8. Setting an example by what we say and do.**
- 9. Working with our schools and communities to make them better for children.**
- 10. Asking for help when we need it.**

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