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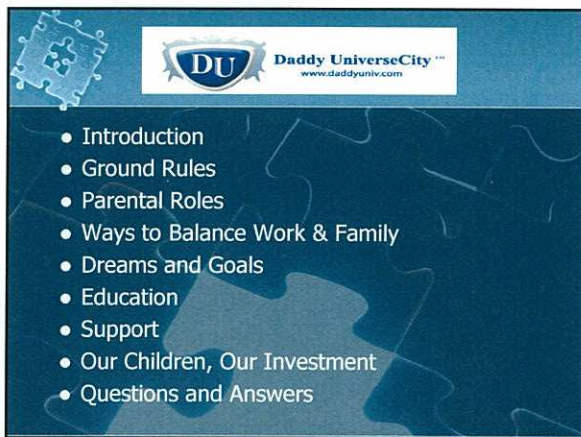
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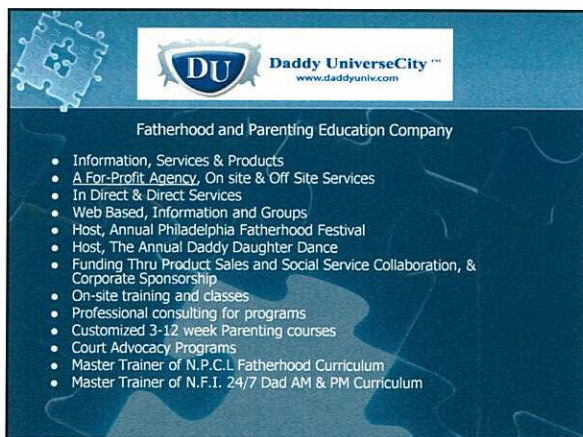
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- It is o.k. to enjoy yourself.
- Listen actively -- respect others when they are talking.
- Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing ("I" instead of "they," "we," and "you").
- Participate to the fullest of your ability -- community growth depends on the inclusion of every individual voice.
- The goal is not to agree -- it is about hearing and exploring different perspectives.
- Confidentiality
- Understand that this is a " Not About You " Zone

Additional Rules Obtained From The Group

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### Parental Roles



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### Parental Roles

Please Give Us the Job Description of Each

A Venn diagram consisting of three overlapping circles. The top circle is labeled 'MOON', the bottom-left circle is labeled 'SUN', and the bottom-right circle is labeled 'EARTH'. The circles overlap in the center and at the intersections between two circles.

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### Parental Roles

A Venn diagram consisting of three overlapping circles. The top circle is labeled 'MOON/FATHERS', the bottom-left circle is labeled 'SUN/MOTHERS', and the bottom-right circle is labeled 'EARTH/CHILDREN'. The circles overlap in the center and at the intersections between two circles.

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### Parental Roles

- Fathers Role:  
Security, empathy, courage, resilience, empowerment, independence, love
- Mothers Role:  
Nurturing, compassion, emotional stability, sensitivity, and love
- Parental Role:
  - To Produce self sufficient children, thru focused child rearing.
  - Produce consistency in life patterns, education, establish purpose in children.

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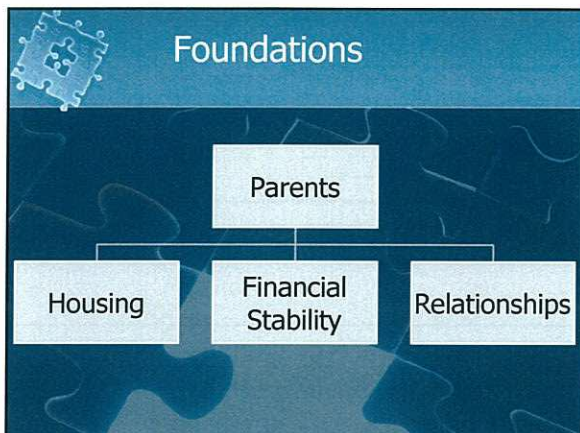
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**Ways to Balance Work/Family**

1. **Tell Everyone About Your Family Commitments.** This helps show that you will not sacrifice family for your job
2. **Make Your Boss Your Ally-** One great way is to record your progress weekly report, help you become judged on what you do, not just your presence.
3. **Stay Busy and Focused-** Get your job done during the day so you can get home(work free) to your family.

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**Ways to Balance Work/Family**

4. **Try to make Career Decisions as a Family-** Consider the benefits of the job to how it will affect your family.
5. **Be With or Around Your Family Every Day-** Doing so will help you stay connected to your family.
6. **Create "Family Prime Time"** – Create a daily block of time for family. Turn off cell phones, laptop, etc., and pick a topic. Also, create a dedicated family event.
7. **Place Your Commitment in Writing** – Create and sign a family contract. Put in writing that the family will try to balance more time with one another. Read, redo and re-read.

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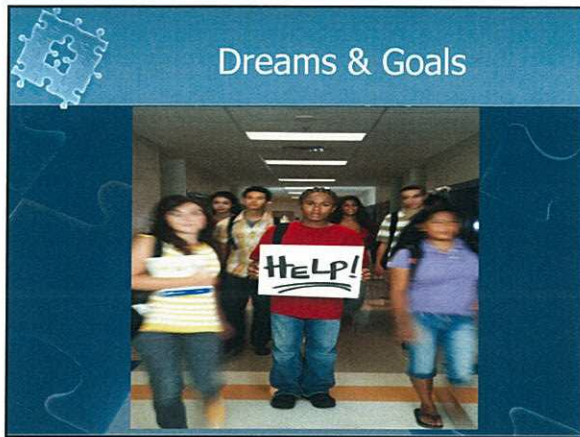
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## Dreams & Goals

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## Our Students

- Youth have a desperate need for positive role models.
- The change in the American parent Structure
  - The radical increase of single-parent homes
  - Increase in the number of working parents of two parent households.
- More preventive care is needed
  - Support networks to fill the void left by busy or absent parents.
- Troubling Statistics:
  - 3,600 students drop out of high school each day
  - 42,150 Teenage Pregnancies in 2007.
    - 115 unwed teenage girls get pregnant each day
    - Fewer girls are having abortions
- (Office of National Statistics, 2007)
- 375, 000 young people carry weapons to school daily.
- 50% carry weapons for protection
  - CDC Reports 2007

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## Communication

According to Search Institute (2007) **Positive Family Communication** occurs when a young person and her or his parent (s) communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parents.

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