

# PARENT LEADERSHIP

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All Parents Are Leaders

# Parent Leadership

## Define Leadership

# Parent Leadership

Leadership - the action of leading a group of people or an organization

# Parent Leadership

- What are some characteristics of a good leader/boss?
- What are some characteristics of a poor leader/boss?

# Parent Leadership

- All parents are leaders –which type will you be?
- Leaders posses power

Power comes from the title and position  
(parent is a leadership position)

# Power



# Effective Leaders

- Have vision
- Set goals
- Make plans
- Support
- Evaluate
- Adjust

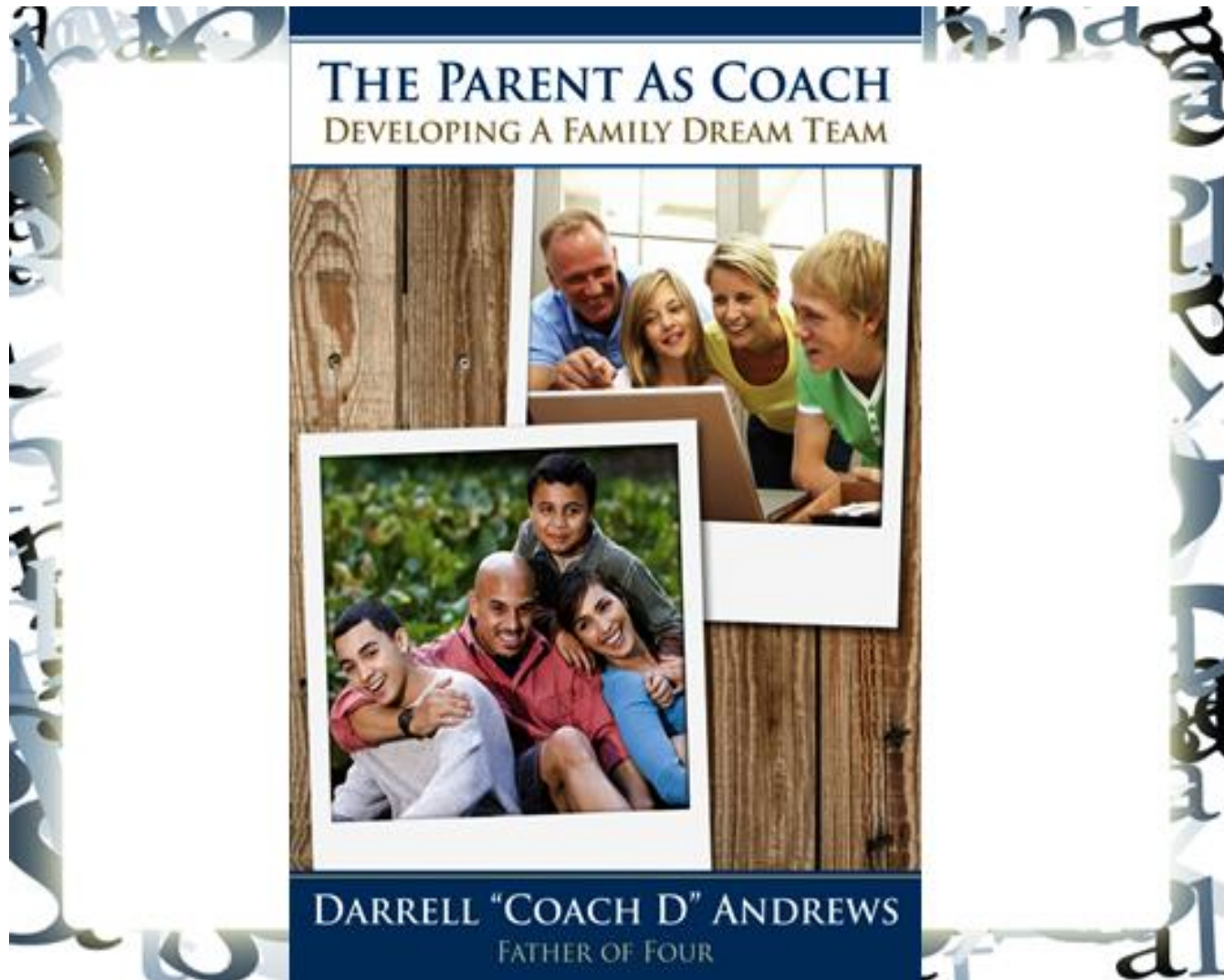
# Vision

A vision statement is a company's road map, indicating both what the company wants to become and guiding transformational initiatives by setting a defined direction for the company's growth.

Replace the word company with **Family**



# Vision



# Vision

Develop a family mission statement

What do we value?

What do we want to represent as a family?

What do we want our lives to mean to others?

What role does education play in our future?

What can we do to be a positive influence on our community?

How important is faith to us?

How can we encourage and support one another daily?

# Vision

Family mission statement:

*“The \_\_\_\_\_ family will always act with integrity, honesty, and grace. We believe in God and seek to treat others with love and respect. We believe that education is important so we will seek educational excellence for all members of the family. We will support our church and our local community as well as those less fortunate than us. We will find ways to encourage and support each other daily.”*

# Goals

## Goal setting 101:

- Challenging but realistic
- Attainable
- Specific
- Measurable
- Personal and family oriented
- Timetable – long term(5-10 yrs.) mid term (2-3 years) – short term (6 mos.-1 year)

(write down 3 goals – long term, mid term, and short term)

# Plan

“A goal without a plan is just a wish”

A plan gives specific details of what you are going to do to accomplish the goal.

- What does it cost?
- How are am I going to save the money?
- What must I do monthly, weekly, daily to achieve my goal?
- Who else must be involved?
- What tools or equipment will I need?
- Etc...

(write down a specific plan for 1 goal)

# Plan

## Example

Goal : Lose 24 lbs.

Time to accomplish Goal: 12 mos.

Things I will need: exercise program, eating plan

Plan : lose 2 lbs. per month = .5 lbs. per week

Cost: \$25/ mos. For gym membership

Eat: No sugars and white carbohydrates 6 days a week

Eat: once a week cheat day (eat anything)

Exercise: 3 times a week following men's health program

Weigh-in: every other day

Evaluate: every 30 days

# Support

- Get the training necessary
- Research
- Be a part of the program or process
- Encourage
- Make it possible

# Evaluate

- Is it working?
- If not, why?
- Is it the plan or the execution of the plan?
- Adjust accordingly!



# Parent Leadership

We are always leading

- At home
- At school
- In the community
- At church
- In the car

Everywhere and anywhere

# Pathway to Success

- Academically Prepared
- Dreams and Ambitions
- Habits and Behaviors

# Academically Prepared

- Make it a priority
- Know the teachers
- Make homework important
- Understand how your school district works (hierarchy, departments, communications, etc.)
- Know your kids grades
- Access to tutors if necessary
- Etc..

# Dreams and Ambitions

Find out what they have a passion for or show an interest in then make the link to academics.

How can a parent nurture dreams and ambitions?

Brainstorm at your tables  
(3 minutes)

# Habits and Behaviors

- Delayed gratification
- Independent study skills
- Time management
- High quality work
- Routine
- Etc..

It is our job as the parent and leader to model and nurture these habits and behaviors

# Parent Leadership

It is never too late to lead, as a parent you have the power because of your position. Use it for the benefit of your kids and family.

Chinese proverb: “***The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second best time is now***”

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