

Positive Parenting



ZERO TO THREE
Early connections last a lifetime

Positive parenting describes a set of parental behaviors that foster a child's capacity to **love, trust, explore and learn**. The goal of positive parenting is to help parents guide their children's healthy development in the context of the family's culture. Key elements of positive parenting include the ability to:

Understand or imagine the **child's point of view**, especially during challenging moments.



Respond with interest and **sensitivity** to the child's cues.



Recognize that **parenting can be stressful** and missteps are a natural part of child-rearing.



Recognize and **celebrate** the child's strengths, abilities, and capacity to learn and develop.



Provide consistent, **age-appropriate guidelines** and limits for child behavior.



Work toward a **balance** of meeting parental needs and child needs.



Delight in **moments of connection** with the child;



Recognize and **regulate their own feelings** and behaviors before they respond to the child.



Seek help, support or additional information on parenting **when needed.**

