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Why Parenting Education?

Parenting Challenges Today. A frequently asked question is, "Why parenting education now? My parents did not have it, and I turned out all right." If you consider the rapid changes in our society over the last few decades, it is easy to see that 21st Century parents face much greater challenges than previous generations of parents.

In the early 1950s, the four biggest problems facing schools were talking in class, chewing gum, running in the halls and making noise. In the 1990s, these have been eclipsed by drug abuse, alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, and suicide. These problems, along with the dramatic shift in family status and security, make the job of effective parenting more difficult than ever before.

Need for Positive Influences. The influence of parents, educators and counselors are positioned to make a positive change families and children. Cooperation, responsibility, courage, and self-esteem could become hallmarks of human behavior if capable parents, supported by professionals and institutions



who care about families, had the training needed to raise children and teens who embody these qualities.

Positive Impact on Behavior.

Increasingly we are becoming aware of more effective, efficient methods in bringing about change in a child's misbehavior. Yet many times we unknowingly reinforce the very behavior we are trying to change. In order to influence a positive behavior change in the child, we must focus on our own behavior and understand how our behavior needs to change. Both teachers and parents need to be aware of the "negative" cycle into which they can so quickly and innocently be pulled. They then learn to be "cycle-busters".