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Roles and Responsibilities

» Communication skills
» Marriage preparation
» Money management
» Child support
Relationship Skills

» Appropriate communication skills
» Marriage preparation
» Money management
Communication Skills

» Bind relationships
» Form connections
Good Communication

What are the four ingredients to successful communication?
Good Communication
Four Ingredients to Relationship Communication

Empathy
Keeping in touch
Sharing your ups and downs
Listening
Tips for Effective Listening

- Focus
- Show Interest
- Avoid Seeming Judgmental
- Avoid Interrupting
Marriage Preparation

» Involvement
» Getting through conflict
» Keeping outside relationships and interests alive
» Communicating
Marriage Preparation

» Build a strong foundation
» Learn to face challenges together
» Being open to change
» Make take for each other
» Make time for yourself
Money Management

» Manage resources
» Create a financial plan
Child Support

» Child Care providers
» Texas Family Code
» Child Support Program of Texas
» Texas Guidelines for Child Support
» Federal Laws
» Locator Service
» Why does paternity matter?
» What is best for the child?
Positive Caregiver Relationships with Parents

- Consistent guidelines
- Effective communication
- Support each other
- Avoid misunderstandings
A provider should carefully read over the terms of the child support orders and make sure he or she understands what is and is not allowed.
Texas Family Code
Parenting Skills and Responsibilities

Responsibilities that affect health and happiness of parents and children include the following:

• child guidance
• legal and moral responsibilities
• financial responsibilities
• health and safety responsibilities
• social and emotional development
• cognitive development
In accordance with state and federal law, the Office of the Attorney General is responsible for the establishment and enforcement of child support.

Child Support Enforcement Agency
(click on link)
Based on your net income (pay after taxes) and state child support guidelines
Monthly Child Support

State calculator
(click on link)
Federal Laws

» Family Support Act

» Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act (FFCCSOA)

» Consumer Credit Protection Act (CCPA)
Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS)

» Obtains address and employer information
» Locates noncustodial parents
» Helps establish custody and visitation rights
» Helps enforce child support obligations
Office of Child Support Enforcement
(click on link)
What is Paternity and Why Does it Matter?
Why Does Paternity Matter?

Paternity creates a legal connection between the child and the father. Father, mother and their child benefit when paternity is established.
Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP) Form

This is the simplest and fastest way for biological parents to establish paternity.
What is Best for the Child?

- Desires of the child
- Emotional and physical needs
- Parenting abilities
- Programs available
For Our Children: Learning to Work Together
(click on link)
Questions?
References and Resources

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Textbook:


Websites:

Michigan Department of Human Services Office of Child Support
Developed this teaching packet for use in Michigan schools to increase the students' awareness of the legal and financial responsibilities that come with being a parent.

National Fatherhood Initiative
Mission is to improve the well-being of children in America by increasing the number of children who are raised by a responsible, committed and loving father. Offers press releases, newsletter, columns, tips and online resources.
http://www.fatherhood.org

National Network for Child Care
Information— an Internet source of over 1,000 research-based and reviewed publications and resources related to child care.
www.nncc.org
Parenting and Paternity Awareness (p.a.p.a.)
p.a.p.a. is an innovative educational curriculum designed for secondary school students and young adults that deals with rights, responsibilities, and realities of parenting.
www.oag.state.tx.us/cs/ofi/papa

Texas Attorney General
As the official child support enforcement agency for the State of Texas, the Office of the Attorney General provides services for parents who wish to obtain or provide support for their children.
https://www.oag.state.tx.us/cs/

Texas Constitution and Statutes
Family Code
http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/FA/htm/FA.151.htm#151.001

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Child Support Handbook

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Child Support Enforcement

Video:

The Attorney General of Texas
For Our Children: Learning to Work Together

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