

## Civic Education

Week:8

### Topic: RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD



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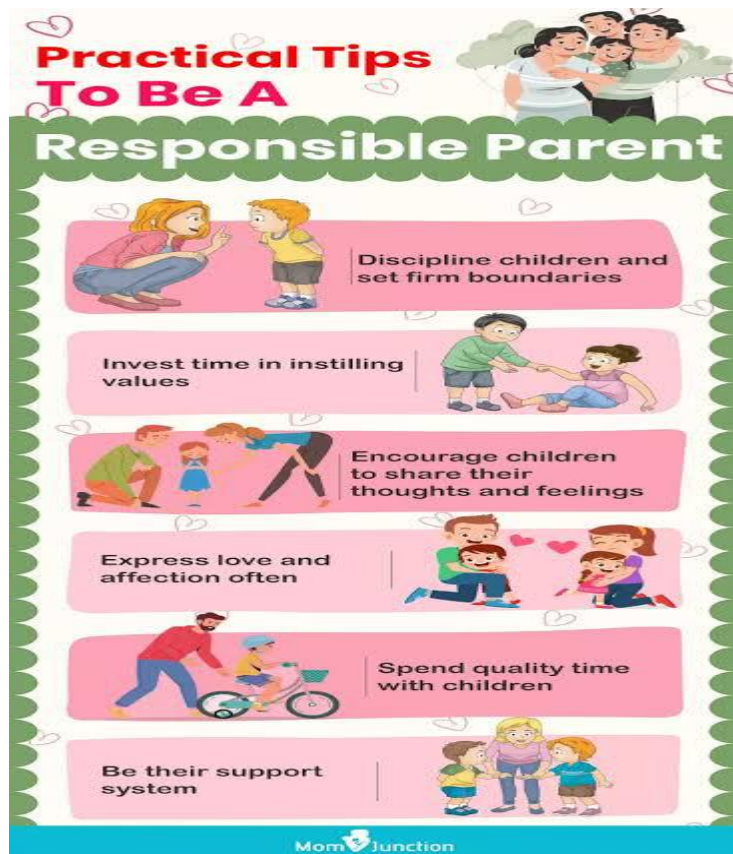
parenting refers to the thoughtful and conscientious approach taken by parents to fulfill their duties and obligations towards their children. It involves providing emotional support, setting appropriate boundaries, ensuring a safe environment, and promoting the overall well-being and development of the child.

Responsible parenting also includes instilling values, fostering independence, and actively participating in a child's education and growth. Responsible parenting is not about perfection, but about striving to create a loving and supportive environment where your child can thrive. Different families will approach this differently based on their values, cultural background, and individual circumstances. The key is to be intentional, consistent, and constantly striving to learn and grow as a parent.

**Who is a biological parent?** A biological parent is an individual who contributes their genetic material, through conception, to the birth of a child. This parent is connected to the child by blood, sharing a biological relationship as a father or a mother of the child.

**Adoptive parent:** An adoptive parent is someone who legally and willingly takes on the responsibility of raising a child who is not biologically their own. Adoption involves a legal process through which individuals or couples become the legal parents of a child, assuming all the rights and responsibilities associated with parenthood.

**Who is a foster parent?** A foster parent is someone who provides temporary care and support to a child in need, typically due to situations such as abuse, neglect, or parental challenges. Foster parenting involves offering a safe and nurturing environment for the child until a more permanent living arrangement, such as reunification with their biological family or adoption, can be arranged.



### Different types of parenting

**1) Authoritative Parents:** They balance warmth and discipline, setting clear expectations while being responsive to their child's needs.

- Characteristics: High in control and demanding, but also warm and responsive. Explain rules and expectations clearly, encourage communication and use positive reinforcement.
- Potential positives: Children tend to be well-adjusted, confident, and responsible.
- Potential negatives: Can be time-consuming for parents to maintain open communication.

**2) Authoritarian Parents:** These parents are strict and demand obedience, often with less warmth and flexibility.

- Characteristics: High in control and demanding, with strict rules and consequences. Offer little explanation for rules and expect immediate obedience.
- Potential positives: Can instill discipline and self-control.
- Potential negatives: This can lead to low self-esteem, anxiety, and rebellion in children.

**3) Permissive Parents:** They are lenient and indulgent, placing few demands on their children and allowing considerable freedom.

- Characteristics: Low in control and demanding, with few rules and consequences. Offer unconditional love and support, but may avoid setting boundaries or enforcing discipline.
- Potential positives: Children feel loved and accepted.
- Potential negatives: Can lead to impulsivity, lack of self-control, and difficulty with authority figures.

**4) Uninvolved Parents:** This type is characterized by a lack of emotional involvement and minimal control, resulting in neglectful parenting.

Characteristics: Low in control and demanding, and also low in responsiveness. Provide minimal emotional support, guidance, and supervision.

- Potential positives: Children may become independent and resourceful.
- Potential negatives: This can lead to emotional neglect, poor self-esteem, and behavioral problems.

**5) Neglectful:** Similar to uninvolved, but with an added element of neglecting basic needs like food, clothing, and medical care.

**6) Overprotective:** Highly involved in children's lives, controlling their activities and decisions, limiting their independence.

**7) Tiger parents:** Push children to excel academically and achieve high standards, sometimes at the expense of emotional well-being.



## Roles of responsible parenting

### 1) Meeting Basic Needs:

- Providing adequate food, shelter, clothing, and healthcare.
- Ensuring physical safety and emotional well-being.
- Creating a loving and nurturing environment.

### 2) Nurturing Growth and Development:

- Encouraging intellectual curiosity and learning.
- Promoting healthy emotional development.
- Setting clear expectations and boundaries.
- Instilling discipline and respect.
- Providing opportunities for exploration and experimentation.

### 3) Fostering Social and Emotional Skills:

- Modeling empathy, compassion, and positive communication.
- Teaching conflict resolution and problem-solving skills.
- Encouraging healthy social interactions and relationships.
- Building self-esteem and confidence.

### 4) Promoting Responsibility and Independence:

- Assigning age-appropriate chores and responsibilities.
- Encouraging decision-making and problem-solving Teaching them about accountability and

consequences.

- Preparing them for independence and adulthood.

**5) Staying informed about child development and parenting practices.**

**6) Setting personal boundaries and taking care of your own needs.**

**7) Seeking support from partners, family, and community resources.**

**8) Adapting your parenting approach based on your child's individual needs and age.**

