


I'LL NEVER BE LIKE YOU

Sometimes a home environment is destructive. There are resources out there that can help. **2**

A PARENT'S ROLE



Youth value the relationship they have with their parents. **3**

GOOD PARENTING



Youth identified things they think parents or guardians should do for their youth. **4**



It's your fault!



I'll never be like you

All you know how to do is argue, and you're telling me not to fight.

Believe me just cause your older doesn't give you the right

Cause I've grown old listening to your screams

Oh God! Make it stop, please

You thought I was friggin asleep

But at the time I was way too weak

All I could do is wait and weep

I know you never noticed me crying at night

Cause I'd do anything to stay out of your sight

It's not my fault; I just didn't want to be a victim of your anger

But I could still hear you; cause you louder than a banger

And don't think I've forgotten everything cause I was younger before

I can still remember you smashing dishes at the door

I can still remember all those nightmares I had

When my aunt slit her wrist with a knife cause she was mad

I can still see the blood pouring from her hand

And how I rushed to the neighbors to go get my dad

She had a scar for a while, but I was scarred for life

And now I know I'll never forget that knife

I'm not just talking about one incident

Cause this was a daily routine

So don't friggin tell me I'm too sensitive

When I'd rather be that than too aggressive

Cause now I know the true power of aggression

And how I'm too scared just thinking of your expression

I can't forget how you looked me in the eyes

How you kept telling me lies

Even now you're telling me that I'm only here cause of you

But gods the one I'll thank, not you

A life like yours is not worth living

And what you did is not worth forgiving

In time I thought you'd change

But you were always the same

And now you want me to be like you

But sorry, I have a heart unlike you

It's time I told you the truth

I will never be like you.

— Anonymous

CRYING
AT NIGHT



Parents

play a major role in their children's lives.

Personally I believe parents play a **major** role towards their kids behavior. Other than the influence of our friends, the way we think, react, respond and communicate in our daily lives comes from our parents. If my parents just don't care about what I do or where I go, they are not telling me right from wrong. If they don't bring me up with proper values then obviously I'm going to go around and cause trouble. Some parents don't care. My parents don't let me go over to a friend's place, if they don't know that person. My dad can't leave me outside without calling me three times every two hours making sure I'm all right and safe. Every time I do something I often think of my dad and how my decision will impact him. Every time I do something wrong my dad sits me down and corrects me. That's why I think parents play a major role in our lives.

– Rahma Azeem



RESOURCES

Toronto Public Health

416-338-7600
publichealth@toronto.ca

Kids Help Phone

439 University Ave., Suite 300
Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8
Tel: 416-586-5437
Fax: 416-586-0651
toronto.chapter@kidshelpphone.ca

Native Child and Family Servies

Tel: 416-969-8510
295 College Street
along@nativechild.org

YMCA

416-928-9622 or 1-800-223-8024.
www.ymcatoronto.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

PEACE YOUTH MEETING

**All youth 13-25 years of age welcome.*

When: Every Thursday from 5:30pm-8:30pm.

Where: The Students Commission office at 23 Isabella Street, Toronto, Ontario.

Tel: (416) 597-8297, Email: savannah@tgmag.ca

SPRING PEACE FACILITATOR TRAINING

**All youth 13-25 years of age welcome.*

Facilitation Training Session

When: May 24th, from 10:30pm- 4:30pm

Where: The Students Commission office at 23 Isabella Street, Toronto, Ontario.

Tel: (416) 597-8297, Email: savannah@tgmag.ca

MEDIATION STATION

**A radio program presented in partnership with Conflict Mediation Services of Downsview.*

When: Every Sunday from 8:00pm- 9:00pm

Where: Tune in to *Voces Latinas* CHHA 1610 AM on the radio dial or to www.sanlorenzo.ca and click on the *Voces Latinas* icon or at Rogers Digital Cable Channel 951.

What do you think?

What role do you think parents should play in your life?
Why?

Let us know at
www.peace-project.org

GOOD PARENTING WISH LIST

At our PEACE meetings youth discuss many issues they think are important. This week the group identified some of what they value in a parent or guardian.

- Say sorry; admit when you're wrong
- Talk openly with your children
- Give children the benefit of the doubt (listen to their side of the story)
- Be supportive and honest
- Treat all the siblings equally
- Talk to your children and ask about their day
- Ask, understand and accept instead of judging and assuming
- Create guidelines and give them structure
- Try to be consistent
- Give them enough room to make their own mistakes
- When disciplining children make it into a lesson
- Responsible parents should be able to support their needs
- Evaluate yourself and try to change your shortcomings, make a conscious effort to quit bad habits
- Learn with your children, and from their experiences
- Talk to your children's friends
- Give your child birthday presents
- Make your children comfortable enough with you so they come to you with their problems
- Take an interest in their lives so you know their wants and needs
- Let things that happened in the past go

Peace Partners

CTI's Breaking The Cycle Youth Gang Exit and Ambassador Leadership Project

1790 Albion Rd., Suite 101 (27 & Albion), (416) 745-1829 or 4500 Sheppard Ave. E., Unit 476 (Sheppard & McCowan / Brimley), (416) 293-1287
www.cantraining.org/BTC/btc.php

Conflict Mediation Services of Downsview

Conflict resolution services for all types of relationships, especially parent / youth and family.
95 Eddystone Avenue, 2nd floor (Jane & Finch), (416) 740-2522,
www.cmsd.org

East Metro Youth Services

The Violence Intervention Project

provides youth with realistic strategies and skills to prevent violence.

1200 Markham Road, Suite 200 (Ellesmere & Markham), (416) 438-3697, www.emys.on.ca

The Students Commission

Project PEACE is developed by youth to decrease gun and gang violence.
23 Isabella St. (Yonge & Bloor), (416) 597-8297, www.tgmag.ca

Operation Springboard

Programs that prevent crime and integrate at-risk people into the wider community.
2568 Lawrence Ave. E., (Lawrence & Midland), (416) 615-0788
www.operationspringboard.on.ca

Leave Out Violence (LOVE)

LOVE trains young people who have experienced violence to become community leaders of violence prevention.

3130 Bathurst St. Suite 212 (Bathurst & Lawrence W.) (416) 785-8411,
www.leaveoutviolence.com

Central Toronto Youth Services (CTYS)

Programming for youth who are involved in different stages of the youth justice system.
65 Wellesley St. East, Suite 300 (Wellesley & Church) (416) 924-2100, www.ctys.org

Toronto District School Board

(416) 397-3000, www.tdsb.on.ca

Toronto Catholic District School Board

(416) 222-8282, www.tcdsb.org

Toronto Police Service's Community Mobilization Unit

(416) 808-7080
www.torontopolice.on.ca/communitymobilization

SAY YOUR PEACE

Say Your PEACE is here to give youth an opportunity to share ideas and discuss the things that are important to them and their community. Want to help prevent the negative effects guns and gangs are having? Join the movement.

Call: (416) 597-8297