

Hello everyone! Today's topic is "U.S. Parenting Culture"

Every country has its own special style of parenting, which is based on its culture, traditions, and way of life. In the U.S., parenting styles vary by individual values and beliefs, as well as economic circumstances. We can, however, identify certain common characteristics of parenting that are practiced in the United States.

Activities:

- Large group: Review common U.S. parenting characteristics
- Small group: Read parenting scenario and answer questions
- Large group: Wrap-up questions and comments



“Authoritative Parenting Style” The “**ideal**” in the U.S.

Americans view child rearing as an individual task, NOT a societal task.



Authoritative Parenting Characteristics:

- Maintain a healthy relationship with your child
- Listen to your child
- Validate your child's emotions
- Consider your child's feelings
- Establish clear rules
- Use consequences that teach life's lessons
- Offer incentives
- Let your child make little choices
- Balance freedom with responsibility
- Turn mistakes into learning opportunities
- Encourage self discipline

THE 5 STEP GUIDE TO BEING AN AUTHORITATIVE PARENT



HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS

without being rigid and unforgiving.

BE REASONABLE.

about rules & obedience.



COMMUNICATE.

Don't just speak, listen.



TEACH DECISION MAKING.

Don't tell kids what to do.



TEACH RESPONSIBILITY.

Let kids think about consequences.



Do You Know What These Parenting Terms Mean?

- Coddling
- Helicopter parents
- Playdates
- Allowance
- Gender Reveal Parties
- Parenting guilt
- Free Range Parenting
- Lawnmower Parents
- Latchkey Kid
- Kids menu
- Extracurricular activities
- Giving a “timeout”



Breakout Room Discussion:

Scenario #1: You recently moved to the U.S. from your home country. Your seven-year-old son has made friends with a boy who lives next-door. This boy's name is Jason.

Jason and his parents are Americans. You know the parents only a little, and have occasional small talk when you see them in their driveway.

Lately your son has been going to Jason's house on the weekends. He goes inside the house and is there for several hours. He and his friend like to play video games together.

In your home culture this is considered very rude. In your view it is an intrusion on the neighbor's privacy, especially on a weekend. You are worried about what to say or do.

Questions:

1. What do you think the American parents are feeling about this?
2. What do you think you should do?

