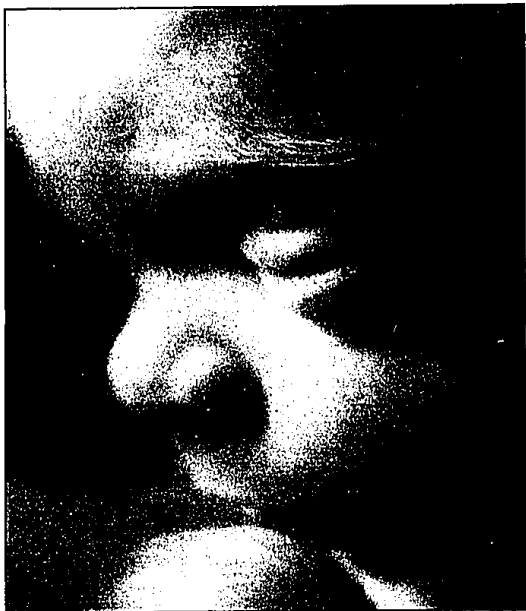


# If You Are Pro-Life, ...You Need to Know.



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# Parents can survive the terrifying teen years



Parents Corner

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One minute you're holding your newborn in your arms. The next thing you know, a dozen years have gone by. You've become confident in your role as parent. Then it happens. Oh no! The terrifying

teen years are upon you. Is it possible to enjoy these years? With a little know-how, we can take the fear out of parenting teens.

When we hide our fears about raising teens, our fears run us. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face."

By acknowledging your fears and putting them in perspective, you can be free to see new possibilities. Let's look at some of the typical fears parents of teens face.

### OUTSIDE

We fear outside influences. Danger seems to lurk everywhere. We worry about peer pressure, drugs, alcohol, teen-pregnancy, violence, reckless driving, and the media's influence on body image and moral values.

It's natural to feel fear when we are in unfamiliar territory. Teenagers seem to transform before our eyes. In a short time our kids will be out on their own. We have a limited time to teach them how to be independent, self-regulating, capable, humane human beings.

With a sense of urgency, we think, "How will he ever get into college with his bad study habits?" or "How could she live on her own when she can't remember to clear the table?"

We blame ourselves for what we haven't taught them. We blame them for not catching on fast enough. We work ourselves

into a frenzy of fear that they won't be ready for life outside the family.

A good experience turns sour when parenting out of fear. Imagine your teen is about to get her driver's license. Fears take over your thoughts. With their limited experience, teens might get lost, wreck the car, and injure themselves or others. They might drive places you don't want them to go, let their friends drive the car, or run out of gas.

### FEAR-BASED PARENTING

Michelle feels frightened every time her son, Jason, asks to drive the car. Her words, tone of voice and body language communicate fear to her teen. Jason mirrors back his mom's frustration. He doesn't feel trusted and must always fight for a chance to drive anywhere. Fear-based parenting turned a liberating experience turned into a struggle.

Putting fear into perspective frees you up to see situations more clearly. Taking a realistic look at your fears can lead you to take positive action. Drive with your teen until you feel confident in her ability. Give information and discuss your concerns about driving safety with your teen.

Limit the areas your teen can drive alone. Then, increase her driving time as she proves her reliability. You can't handle anything you are faced with. Choosing to focus on the benefits and needs of the situation will help build your confidence.

When Rose's son got his license, she was aware of the dangers of driving. She was also aware of the benefits.

She said, "I remember struggling to strap my son, Chris, into his car seat. When he was old enough to buckle his own seatbelt, I felt such relief. Getting in and out of the car was so much easier and less physically taxing for me. When Chris learned to drive, we both had more freedom. Not only can he drive himself to his

activities, but now he can drive up to the store and run errands for me."

Rose's focus on the benefits, helped Chris take pride in his new privilege. She sets firm limits regarding the use of the family car. She hands out information instead of warnings. Thanks to Rose, Chris feels like a trusted and competent driver.

### THE STRUGGLE

Teens struggle for independence. They act like they don't need us. The truth is, teenagers need us more than ever. They need to know they belong and are valued within the family. They thrive on our positive attention.

What is your usual reason for seeking out your teen? Is it to poke, prod, or complain about what they should be doing? Make a habit of seeking them out to share a pleasant moment or notice something positive about them.

Have regular family meetings, meals and activities together. Help shape your teen's character by giving them age appropriate privileges and responsibilities. They also benefit from enforceable rules. Teenagers learn best from living with the results of their actions.

Parenting is one of life's most challenging jobs. It is also one of the most rewarding. We can long for yesterday, when our kids were tiny and so were their problems. We can long for the future when our responsibility of parenting is over.

Instead, let's live fully in the present. Celebrate this unique time in our child's life as they seek, stumble, and grow. Day by day, our guidance makes a difference in the lives of our teens.

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## C'ville classmates catch up

Remember when...  
We used to have floats.  
We attended our final homecoming.  
We voted an unknown peanut farmer president.  
We listened to Bob Seger's "Night Moves."  
We flew for the first time when we were awarded the all sports trophy.  
We passed our wallet size senior pictures around.  
Hearthstone was the place to be.  
Miller was the beer to drink.  
After Friday's game there was a dance.  
Gossip was the rule rather than the exception.

At last we graduated... an excellent from the Clarenceville High School Year Book 1977

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It doesn't matter if it's your 25th or 50th class reunion, the curiosity of seeing how classmates have changed and the chance to rekindle old friendships is the same.

Hugs and kisses were only surpassed by hardy back slaps as alumni of the Clarenceville High School Class of 1977 walked through the door at Sandtraps restaurant in Livonia recently.

Coincidentally, the party in the room next door was the 50th class reunion for the Fordson High School in Dearborn.

The groups were a generation apart, but the conversations sounded a lot alike.

Out in the hall, Bob Longmate and Jerry Burling, Fordson grads, have been friends for 33 years since they met in kindergarten.

"We come to see all our old friends," Burling said. "And to get hugs from all the gals you couldn't get hugs from while you were in high school."

If he could do one thing over

again, Burling said, he would study harder.

Half a century later, Longmate recalled a teacher, Mr. Hanover, who made a difference in his life.

"He was a great guy," Longmate said, adding that his best advice to high school students is to stay in school and attend college.

Pat and Ed Barzyk met at Fordson and got married shortly after graduation. They've attended every reunion since.

### SEEING EVERYONE

Across the hall, Michelle (Zukin) McKinstry had many of the same sentiments as Fordson graduates.

"I want to see everyone," explained McKinstry. "Those were four fun-filled years. I wish I could go back."

McKinstry said she often told her 18- and 20-year-old children to enjoy their high school days.

"Those are the best years," she added.

Julie (Gaffie) Hillard, a Clarenceville graduate, has been to every class reunion. Living in Scottsdale, Ariz., she said the reunion was a chance to see friends and family, too.

Hillard said she'll never forget hiding beer in the snow behind the school on Friday nights and finding it on Clarenceville mornings. And she'll always remember economics teacher Eleanor Holland.

"She was a good role model for women," said Hillard whose advice to students today is to "enjoy your young life, because there's a lot of responsibilities when you get older."

Malinda (Merritt) Jaber, who organized the 25th reunion with Diane (Dickey) Paparelli, said she went to school with some of her classmates from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Jaber, a Redford resident, who is mother to 25- and 22-year-old daughters and grandmother to two boys, said if she could go back in time, she would "take more time to smell the roses and enjoy it while it's there."

A lot of people might have thought it was odd that Paparelli would organize the reunion, Paparelli said, because she wasn't involved with any groups in high school.

### WOULD DO IT ALL

"I didn't do a lot with my school and I regretted it," she said. "My reunion is a way I can give back to my school. If I could do it over again, I'd do as much as I could do. I'd be a cheerleader and in basketball. I have a daughter and I tell her to do it all. You want to look back at your yearbook and see your face on one of the pages - that you were involved in something."

Every now and then Paparelli still thinks about her science teacher, Mr. Hansen, who talked to students about the dangers of smoking and drugs.

When she quit smoking 15 years ago, she remembered what he told his classes about the hazards of smoking.

Twenty five years ago Mark Anusagian played baseball and football and Donna Miller was homecoming queen at Clarenceville. They started dating when they were 14, married and had two children.

"If I could go back and do it over again," Anusagian said, "I would."

Two and a half decades later, they don't look that much different than the night Donna was being crowned homecoming queen and Anusagian, dressed in his football uniform, was at her side.

"It's amazing how fast time passed," said Anusagian, owner of Westborn Market.