

Building Relationships at an Early Age...

I was just thinking about my family's own success story this past week, since Zachary, my youngest son, graduated & turned 19 on June 6. I was thinking about how (CARE's Parenting) classes helped us so much. We started them when Zachary was less than a year old. My older son, Aaron, was about 1 1/2 years old. Zachary was so colicky we had no idea how to handle it and knew we needed help. We stayed with the program for couple of years, and facilitated together a few years for the early childhood step classes. Even though we didn't master the skills entirely, and I wish we would have implemented more of them at times, my sons are now 20 1/2 and 19. They are both drug-free, alcohol-free, smoke-free, and I have to say our relationship is pretty solid. Both graduated from high school with honors and community involvement. Zach will be going to Grand Valley in August, and the communication skills really helped us throughout his extensive college decision. Aaron has been attending Macomb, and will eventually transfer to either Hillsdale or Saginaw Valley. Our ultimate goal, of course, is that they will get out of the house (ha! ha!) and be independent individuals!

Thanks!

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