

STRATEGIES FOR SANITY

Insights and Solutions

A Parenting Class Presented with

The Rev. Liz Tomlinson

Conversations based on *Parent Effectiveness Training* by Dr. Thomas Gordon

Sessions begin

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2, 5:30PM – 6:30PM

There is no cost. Donations welcomed.

Please RSVP so we know how many to expect.

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Principle #1 – Like everyone else, children have needs and to get those needs met, they act or behave

Principle #2 – Children don't misbehave; they behave to get their needs met

Principle #3 – Parents can't be accepting of all their child's behavior

Principle #4 – Parents don't have to be consistent with children

Principle #5 – Parents don't have to put up a 'united front'

Principle #6 – When infants behave unacceptably, there is a good reason, but you have to guess what it is

Principle #7 – When you can't accept one behavior, substitute one that you can

Principle #8 – Let kids know how you feel, even if you can't use words

Principle #9 – It's often more efficient to change the child's environment than to change the child

Principle #10 – to change unacceptable behavior of your child, talk about yourself, not your child

Principle #11 – parents who use power inevitably run out of it when kids get older

Principle #12 – children learn to cope with parental power with undesirable and unhealthy behaviors

Principle #13 – Discipline may compel or coerce, but it seldom influences

Principle #14 – If parents are either dictators or doormats, someone is going to lose

Principle #15 – When conflicts are resolved so that nobody loses, relationships deepen

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