
Authoritative Parenting



WHY IS AUTHORITATIVE PARENTING IMPORTANT?

- Children need the security of a parent who is confident and accepts the responsibility of being the decision maker.
- Authoritative parenting is about being an effective parent.

TRAITS OF AN AUTHORITATIVE PARENT:

- Is loving!
- Remains calm.
- Is the decision maker.
- Limits negotiation.
- Does not explain the reasons for every decision (especially if the child is not developmentally able to genuinely understand the reason).
- Does not treat children like adults.
- Does let children make developmentally appropriate decisions (e.g. what color shirt to wear).
- Is not an authoritarian (one who uses a position of power to control others).