

Family Developmental Stages and Tasks

Family with Infant/Preschool Children

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| Potty training | Lots of doctors visits | Managing illness | Managing discipline |
| Sleep schedule | Constant supervision | Colic | Building a caretaking team |
| Daycare/babysitter | Financial support | Household tasks | Couple intimacy |

School Age Children

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| School attendance | Managing mornings | Homework | Family chores |
| Bedtime | After school hours | School behaviors | Drugs, bad language, etc. |
| Riding the bus | Coming home from school | Rules about free time | Exposure to Internet/media |
| Peer relationships | Choice of friends | Rules about sexual behavior | Transportation to activities |

Teenage Children

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| Sexual behavior | Curfew and dating | Peer relationships | Orientation, experimentation |
| School attendance | Language | Chores and money | Alcohol and drugs |
| School performance | Whereabouts | Part-time job | Cars (transportation) |
| Clothing | Morning routine | Managing free time | Activities (extra-curricular) |

Single Parents

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| Peer support | Dating | Privacy | Babysitting |
| Finances | Relatives relations with children | Respite | Visitation arrangements |

Blended Families

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| Agreement on authority | Legal & financial issues | Negotiate family rules | Maintain couple relationship |
| Working as a team | Visitation arrangements | Managing conflict | New blended family rituals |

Post Parental/Edler

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| Health issues | Financial stability | Managing isolation | Assisting in some parenting |
| Nutrition | Home safety issues | Couple issues | Physical conditioning |