

ADVICE TO PARENTS WITH HIGH-RISK KIDS

(Actual Quotes from Students)

1. Make the rules clearer
2. Parents should present a united front
3. Don't give us everything we want
4. Don't do everything for us
5. Don't give up on discipline
6. Don't allow us to control the boundary lines because we'll keep changing them
7. Make reasonable consequences, ones that YOU can keep, then hold to them no matter what
8. If you are divorced or not getting along with each other, don't use us as a tennis ball
9. Don't discuss the rules with us or ask if we agree with them or like them, we don't but we need them
10. Don't lecture for hours, we're not listening anyways
11. Don't let us wear you down
12. Practice what you teach. If you get drunk or high, we will use it as an excuse to do the same
13. Don't make empty threats
14. Don't compromise
15. Don't blame our friends, our school or our society for our trouble
16. Don't give up on us

