

Ways to show young people you care

1. Say "Hi" to youths when you see them.
2. Ask them their opinions.
3. Make them feel accepted.
4. Ask them about themselves.
5. Listen to them.
6. Read to them.
7. Deal with problems and conflicts while they are still small.
8. Let them make mistakes.
9. Help them learn from mistakes.
10. Create a safe, open relationship.
11. Talk openly with them.
12. Become their advocate.
13. Let them know you are always there for them.
14. Look in their eyes when you talk to them.
15. Empower them to empower themselves.
16. Share a meal with them.
17. Take them on a boat ride.
18. Take them to a professional sports game.
19. Encourage them to think big.
20. Welcome their suggestions.
21. Tell them you are willing to listen anytime.
22. Give them your phone number/e-mail address.
23. Ask them to teach you something.
24. Forgive them.
25. Let them have another chance.
26. Ask them to forgive us.
28. Thank them.
29. Help a youth with their homework.
30. Be honest.
31. Be yourself.
32. Let them know you are a friend.
33. Be flexible.
34. Share their excitement.
35. Notice changes and ask.
36. Take a youth horseback riding.
37. Go rafting or canoeing with a youth.
38. Take a youth to a movie.
39. Ask them what they believe in.
40. Give them your full attention.
41. Ask them what their dreams are and encourage them that those dreams are achievable.
42. Help them believe in themselves.
43. Be open to possibilities.
44. Learn their names.
45. Listen to their stories.
46. Let them know you love them no matter what.
47. Be a mentor.
48. Give a youth a sense of responsibility.
49. Hire a youth.
50. Give compliments freely.
51. Give your child a hug.
53. Offer a ride.
54. Acknowledge a great skateboarding maneuver.
55. Coach a team.
56. Take a youth hiking, or camping.