

STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL MENTORING

Be yourself
Be an active listener
Model appropriate behavior
Be dependable
Be clear and consistent
Be realistic
Avoid getting in the middle between parent and child
Give advice sparingly
Accept your Little for who they are
Help your Little become more self-aware
Be honest about your values and feelings
Be patient
See your Little as an individual
Do not criticize
Do not pass judgments
Do not use a lot of "shoulds"
Get to know your Little gradually and naturally
Set limits of proper conduct for your Little
Consider your relationship important
Do not make promises you can not keep
Avoid accusations
Structure creative, imaginative activities
Select activities that are age appropriate
Remember what it was like to be that age
Have fun
Be flexible
Be affectionate and caring
Acknowledge accomplishments
Give encouragement
Do not share personal problems
Laugh