

JDC NEWSLETTER

During this month's Positive Peer Mentoring session, twenty-one young men residing at the Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center explored positive qualities and traits of a father. Many of their thoughts were similar but some suggestions were unique to what the young men have experienced. The discussion was concluded with an activity where each young man spelled out his name vertically and used the letters of his name to identify positive traits they would like to express as a father. Some of the participants included explanations of why they feel the quality is important, and some made books sharing their responses. Below are the qualities they shared.

Love - have love and affection.

Adventurous - go on a lot of trips.

Marvelous - great and respectful kid.

Everything he want me to be.

Observant - pay attention to his teacher so he can be something in life.

Neat - clean up behind himself or herself.

Time - spending everytime with him or her.

Loyal - so they can trust you.

Understanding - so they would tell you stuff.

Intelligent - so they can ask you about school, for example.

Smart - so you make good decisions with them.

Funny - has a funny child.

Responsibility - to my kid.

Excited - happy to my kid.

Directive - pay attention in school.

Dynamic - help child do homework.

Independent - work alone with my children.

Education - my kid would be so smart.

Man is what I want to be to my child.

Alert - I want to be alert when my child cries or needs me.

Role model - I want him to look up to me.

Qualified.

Useful.

Incredible.

Sweet / **S**mart.

Everything he wants me to be.

Entertainment - make somebody laugh.

Read - takes care of people.

Nice.

Safe.

Truthful - never lies.

"Joyful"

"Useful"

"Alert"

"Nice"

Dedicated - being there for his child.
Easy going - easy to get along with.
Visual learner - learn something by looking and you can teach your child better.
Optimistic - always thinking positive.
Nice going - being nice to your child.
Talented - know how to do different sports so you can teach your child.
Energetic - have a lot of energy to do a lot with your child.

Fantastic - so the child can be happy.
Amazing - the baby will feel loved.
Be careful - so the baby is safe.
Incredible - so the baby becomes the incredible hulk.
Authentic - to do what he thinks is right no matter what.
Neat - the baby can stay clean.

Discipline - teaching your child from doing right from wrong.
Ambitious - your child should be ambitious to positive goals and never give up."
Nice - be nice to your child so he is nice to others.
Incredible - be an incredible father to your child so one day when he has his own kids he'll be an amazing father.
Excellent - have an excellent relationship with your child so the he can be an excellent kid.
Loving - be loving to your child because not a lot of kids have the love of a father.

"Dynamic"
"Excited"
"Volunteer"
"Enthusiastic"
"Nice"
"Education"
"Responsible"
"Energetic"

"Testimonial"
"Angry"
"Witness"
"Independent"
"Lock"
"Lord"

Together we play.
Responsibility - we trust.
Action - we like to watch action movies.
Congress - the government is shut down.
Youthful - I wanna be youthful when I'm always around my son."

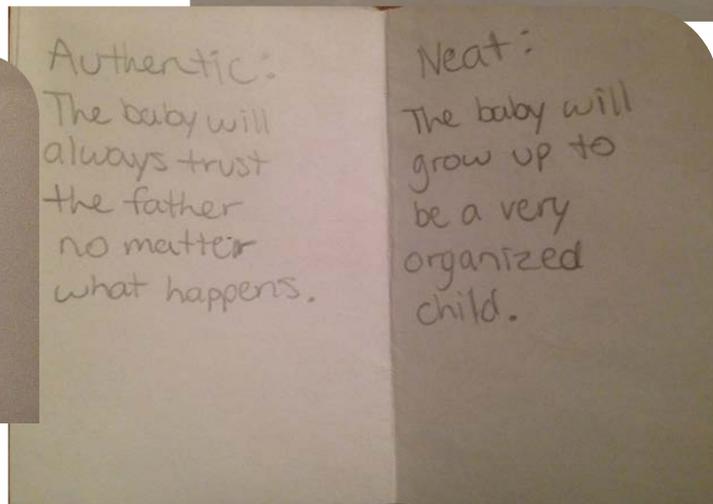
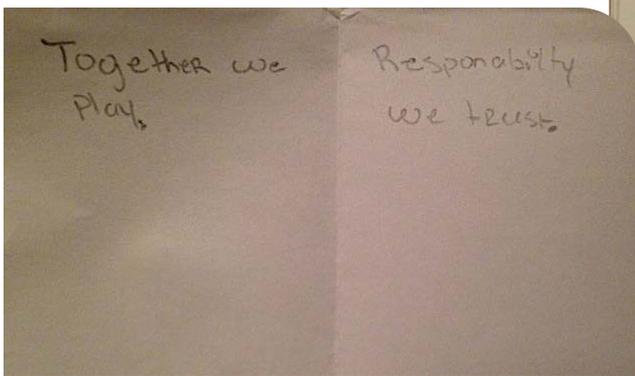
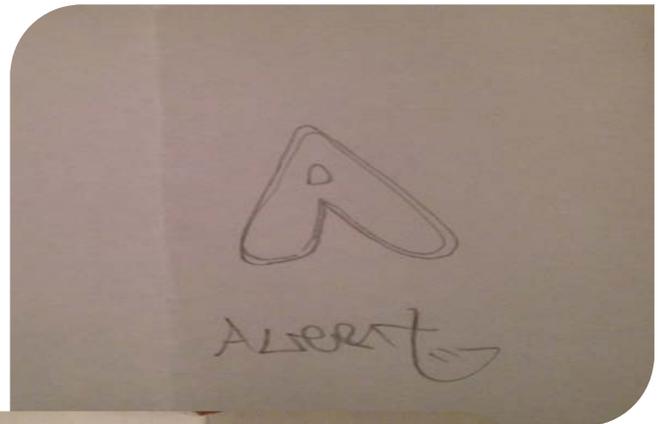
"Youthful"
"Adorable"
"Success"
"Magnificent"
"Adventurous"
"Nice"
"Yes"

Weird.
Inquiring.
Loving.
Loyal - when I was young my father was loyal to my mom so every girl I met made me be loyal to them even if she did treat me bad.
Excited.
Xpress.

"Energetic"
"Determined"
"Willing"
"Intelligent"
"Nice"

- Cherish** - you must cherish your child.
- Honorable** - you must honor what you say around your child.
- Respectful** - be respectful around your child.
- Integrity** - never lie to your child.
- Security** - provide your child with safety and security.
- Trustful** - always be honest.
- Obedient** - follow rules.
- Patient** - be patient to your child.
- Heroic** - be brave.
- Entrepreneurship** - be a leader.
- Resourceful** - provide the necessary resources to live happy."

Some of the young men were able to put their responses into handmade books. Each page contains a different positive quality.



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