

Well, my name is Denise Goodman, and I'm actually also self employed as a consultant.

We do a lot of work with the Annie EKC foundation.

We're just talking about Ups.

Ups is philanthropic organization, and we work with a lot of different state jurisdictions and now a lot of private jurisdictions in terms of developing foster care, adoption, kinship programming.

So that's my area of work.

But I have been a foster parent of teens and only do teens.

And that's what works for me, I guess, and been in child welfare about almost 40 years now and enjoy the work we do.

I've been a house parent in our county shelter children's home, a parent.

So I kind of quasi adopted and emotionally adopted.

My daughter is so funny that the younger one, I think she

wasn't in the line with common sense.

I think her sister got it all, and she missed that line.

But I said to her one day now, the other stage, about 35,

and I said this to her.

He said, We're worried the is that the attorney is just taking

care of all of my Wills and stuff like that.

And she and I said, and Besides, I said, we want to make

sure that you're taking care of should something happen to

your parents.

You know what she said instead of saying I'm 35 years old,

she said, yeah, like something's going to happen to my parents

to do to different parts of the state.

On the same day, I said, Where would you go?

Something happened.

Well, I'm not going anywhere.

I'll just be here with you.

So yes, we're joined more joined and everything.

But this is, I think, a really important piece of work that

has to happen.

And in terms of talking with parents around managing kids

behaviors, because it could be really frustrating, overwhelming

whatever. I think a lot of times what ends up happening is

that we get pretty sophisticated around some of the things

doing a whole big rollout of trauma informed care and all

those things around trauma and a couple of jurisdictions

right now, and sometimes we forget some of the usual things

that have to happen in terms of parenting.

So this is kind of a booster shot.

I think it's really helpful for staff to be able to remind

parents about these kinds of things.

And one of the pieces that I think is really critical is

that there's this little thing called entitlement.

What's entitlement.

I see the program Element program.

There you go.

But in the parenting world, entitlement and particularly

an option foster care entitlement is the sense that, you

know, another way of saying is I own this child.

And I remember being a little kid.

And it was Easter break and growing up in Camden and my friend

Donna and I and my mother was a working parent after our

father passed away.

So Donna's mother would watch me, you know, during breaks  
and after school and things like that.

So my friend Donna and I went down to the street and picked  
all the spring flowers in people's gardens and went on this  
street and sold him door to door, making quite a handy profit.

All right.

But Meanwhile, the neighbors were calling Donna's mother.

And every turn that we made at the corner say, Donna's mother's  
looking for you, too.

You need to get back home.

You too.

And stuff like this.

So we walk around with change jingling in our pocket and  
everything because I was back in the 60s.

You didn't get dollars back then he got changed here's.

Donna's mother, standing up on the top of the porch steps.

Get in here.

You too.

And she grabs his both by the collar and shakes Donna, and

she says, I brought you into this world.

I can take you out.

And she looks at me and says, I didn't bring you in, but

I'm taking you out, too, because she felt incredibly entitled

to be able to parent me.

I think my mother, who was a fabulous mother, would not have

been a great foster or adoptive parent.

You know, I remember one time again, my cousin, my sister

and I are out playing.

We found if you put dirt in the bird bath, he put enough

you can make mud.

Meatballs was thrown at the neighbor's white siding was quite

entertaining. And of course, neighbors didn't appreciate

that. So they called my mother, who drives us all in the

house. Rose is in the bathtub and makes my sister and I go

to bed about 530 in the afternoon.

But my cousin didn't have to go to bed.

And when I do, I go to bed.

My wife says, She's not my child.

I need adoptive parents to feel this is my child, because

if you don't feel that this is your child, we're going to

struggle in the discipline area.

You know, import entitlement.

Is he the right?

You have the responsibility.

You have the obligation to parent to child empower.

Parenting is setting limits, following through things like

that. And are you all familiar with Naka?

The North American Council battle children?

So that their conference a couple of years ago, one of the

rules that I have when I go to the conference because I pay

to go, I pay to train.

There is.

I take a day off and set it to pool with Becky Crawl.

Actually, we sit there and we talk and gossip and, you know,

share stories and drink margaritas.

And we're sitting there.

And also this woman kept walking back and forth, walking

back and forth right in front of us and find she says, Are

you Denise Goodman?

I'm like, oh, man, I'm in my bathing suit, which is not a

pretty sight, you know?

Yeah, she says, oh, I wanted to come to your session, but

I went to another one, so that's okay.

Don't worry about so well, when I ask you a question.

I said, okay.

And she says, how do you make your child stop doing something?

How do you make them stop a behavior you don't like?

And I said, wow, I said, how old is this kid?

I'm thinking, like, for he's like, seven.

Okay.

What is it you want him to stop playing video games?

I said, Come here.

I said, first thing you do is you get a box.

Really?

You get a box, and then you rip the cords out of the TV.

You gather up everything and throw it in this box, and you

lock it in a trunk of a car.

And then he doesn't get it back till he earns it.

And he has to earn the time he plays it.

That's his obsession.

And she says, I'm allowed to do that.

I expect you to do that.

That's your responsibility to do that.

So that whole Entitlement thing is such a great.

Those of you who adopted parents, you got to feel that this

is my child.

See, I have no problems with entitlement.

I feel entitled to anybody's kid on the face of the Earth.

Now I'm standing down.

Later night, I was standing down baggage claim, waiting for

my bag to come through.

And there's like a two year old with their fingers.

I hate when they have their hands on the baggage right there

with the bag.

That things going around.

So I the parents are to standing, not saying anything.

I'm really afraid I don't like blood.

So I leaned down and said, Buddy, you might want to get your

hands off there.

I said I was in Denver the other day, and some kid had a

couple of fingers ripped off.

It was really awful.

It wasn't true, but I figured I'd make a point and then,

but his parents weren't.

And I'm going to keep you safe.

If I need to keep you safe, I'll keep you safe.

So I have no problems with that.

I give kids stink eye on the plane when they're misbehaving

and things like that not that you can't see really well with

this one.

But these are my newest great nephews, which I could understand

why it didn't come out.

I think this projector doesn't get along with me, but we

adopted these two boys into our family.

It's been almost two years ago, and Caleb and Colin are just

awesome kids and enjoying having them in my family for sure.

So parenting for chances.

Okay, a couple Disclaimer.

Is that blurry or is it my glasses are dirty.

Okay, good, because I'm standing to it a funky angle.

One of the things that's really hard in these kinds of situations

is when people say I have this child who.

And it's kind of hard for me to give a whole bunch of advice,

because those of you who do therapists therapy, I don't know

your child's background history.

I don't know your parenting style, so it would be really

unethical of me.

Try to tell you what to do.

However, I think we can open it up to the group for ideas

that Maden possibilities.

Is that fair?

Okay.

We got some experience parents with kids that are like double digits, so it depends on them.

Okay.

Now this one.

I'm just showing you this picture.

This is my great nephew, Ryan.

He's not adopted, but he was up shopped at Christmas, shopping with his uncle and his father, and they turned around and nosed him staring at this top Lasania.

Yeah.

And you see a little smile on his face that he was busted.

My point about this is that we're going to talk about a little

bit later on is that we have to differentiate between what's

normal kid behavior versus what's concerning behavior.

And if one of our foster kids or adopted kids doing this,

we would have them registered as a predator.

But it's at that point.

Ryan was about eleven years old and just a little on the

curious side, so he didn't touch her thin anything.

He was just staring.

So he was okay.

So kind of our conversation today and we're obviously split

by lunch is we're going to talk a little bit about discipline

and punishment and the differences.

We're going to use different words to mean things and what's

the goal of it weren't interacting with kids.

There should be a goal at the end, as opposed to controlling

the child.

All right.

We're going to spend some time talking about why do kids

misbehave? Because I think that's really important for us

just to have as part of our assessment process when kids

are misbehaving.

What's going on here with this kid?

We're going to talk a little bit about instead of thinking,

I think, particularly our kids who have come through the

foster care system and had histories of abuse.

We really need to talk about that and how it can be counterproductive

to what we want to do.

And we're going to talk about the eight building blocks.

Discipline, take a look at some examples and hit the road.

It's Friday, right?

I don't Cook on Fridays.

It's a rule you always Cook, not on Fridays because there's

nothing left at the house without mold on it by Friday at

my house because I'm never home.

So anyway, so when you look up these words discipline and

punishment for the purposes of our discussion right now,

we're gonna talk about discipline as to teach Orange truck.

If you look up the word that's deal, what is to teach her

instruct kind of goes back to the word disciple, right?

Things like that punishment to inflict pain for wrongdoing.

Now, think about some of our kids, particularly those who

have been through the foster care system or had histories

of abuse neglect.

They've had enough of that.

And a lot of our kids haven't learned some of the things

they need to learn.

So we're going to kind of fall on the end.

Here, however, let me ask you this question.

We're going to do a survey right now.

Show of hands.

How many of you want your kids to behave?

Raise your hands.

How many of you want your kids to behave even when you're

not there?

How many of you want your kids to grow up to be law abiding

citizens? Okay.

We all agree with those statements.

How we might have an arm wrestle is how you achieve that.

And thinking about your own upbringing, I think that we probably

felt not in one area.

I probably along the continuum.

My mother was somewhere in the middle.

She tried to teach you.

She tried to instruct you, but when you didn't get it, she

had the remedial program.

Didn't use it often.

Really.

She just whack you one time to kind of get your attention.

Or the big one didn't really hit you.

She grabbed jam, you know, right here.

See this?

That is not flab.

My mother stretched that flesh of him.

It has looked like that since I've been ten.

What, you know.

But I just think that the whole thing was my mother really  
tried to do that, and she was pretty clear.

And when that would.

But she would also get your attention at some point in time  
and not often.

But, of course, you know, challenged her or whatever.

But I think that what happens is that people kind of fall  
along those gradation about that.

So let's take a look at the goals of discipline.

And why is there a picture of a bash a Hound up there?

Anybody know anybody have a bass sound?

I love Basset hounds because they are the stubbornness dogs

known to mankind.

People think they're dumb.

No, they're not.

They're smug and stubborn.

You know, we grew up with base hounds.

And if you were walking and they were done walking, they

would just lay down.

I'm done carry or drag them.

How many times I had to go home when we were kids and get

the wagon, we had to load the dog up and roll them back home.

So I figured if you can make a base Hound, do anything, kids

are a piece of cake.

All right.

So the first one is these are our goals.

Again, we were handling a behavior we're not fond of.

One of the goals of any interaction with our children is

to build trust.

Why is this trusting, like number one on my list?

I'm going to ask you in the back.

So its fundamental compassion first come.

But also they will continue to do things their own way to

be not coright this is like the foundation piece.

A lot of our kids have been robbed, robbed of trust people

who are supposed to protect them and take care of them, hurt

them, then protect them.

And so we have to be able to rebuild that every interaction

we have with the kids, it's not not to say to the kid, Hi.

Welcome to my home.

You can trust me.

Talk cheap.

You have to prove it.

And I think you're absolutely right.

I think trust is really important.

That when we were talking about this yesterday in a session

that if kids trust, we were talking about getting adoptive

homes for kids in particular, older kids.

If the kids trust me as their worker, really trust me, they'll

take the risk to meet a new family because they know I have

their back and I'm not going to put them in harm's way.

Right?

I found as a foster parent, if kids trusted me, they believed

when I said, if you don't get that homework done, you and

I'll be sitting at the kitchen table doing it on Saturday

when you'd rather be out with your friends, they believed

me, you know?

So everything I did to act it interact had to be trust.

Building, not trust.

Tearing down.

Does that make sense?

Absolutely.

And that's hard sometimes where the heat of parenting, you

know, second one is building self esteem.

Why?

Why is this another thing?

Even when we're interacting, doing discipline, when this

behavior has occurred, why is building self esteem really

important, right?

They already don't feel good about themselves, right?

Because people hurt them.

Didn't take care of them in their mind, no matter what the  
circumstances of their adoption replacement, where they were  
abandoned, that they were unwanted, that they were unlovable.

And when you feel that way, there's no need for you to act  
in positive ways.

You find the worst possible kids to hang around with.

You could probably you both as parents.

Foster parents, long term could tell that within five minutes  
in school, they can find the worst kids possible to hang  
out with.

Yes, they can.

Why should I do my homework?

It doesn't matter.

I'm a loser anyway.

Okay.

I'm sitting here doing your homework with you.

Sweat has poured off my brow, helping with your homework,

and then you don't turn it in.

Why should I?

It's going to be a failure that drives me.

They used to drive me nuts, particularly when I helped you

with Matt, which is not my forte.

And you wouldn't turn it in.

Why should I look good?

Why should I dress nice?

You know I'm a loser.

So when you get that kind of attitude, you're not going to

be very successful.

So we have to not make a mega medic, but start helping them

feel confident and competent again, teaching new behaviors  
and skills.

How many of you have noticed kids coming in?

Not knowing basic things?

They should know how to do, such as.

Well, all star laundry, but they don't know how possible

shampoo. A lot of them never had two past.

Personal hygiene is always a big one.

Basic table manners, please.

And thank you.

How to answer the phone, how to share, how to collaborate,

how to cooperate.

I remember when the kids can you tell people a picture how

they were raised and then we had to tell them, I just like,

it's like, okay, we're having dinner and there is one pork

chop left and manner fall under the floor.

And it's like, I teach him how you can split it or something

like that.

But that's the whole thing.

I had a foster parent tell me a story one time where she

was taking a little eight year old boy.

They just gotten him and he didn't have any clothes.

And she was taking him into Walmart and was holding his hand

and he pulled her back and he says, Are we going to pay or

steal today?

So you figure that you're learning, if you want something,

you just go and take it.

You know, I mean, it's those kinds of things.

They're teaching some new behaviors, I think.

But it also goes along probably examples better about reteaching.

Some of our kids have learned survival behaviors they just

don't need anymore, like stealing, like lying to protect

themselves, like skipping school because they're going to

not do well.

And they're too embarrassed to show up being a stinky kid.

I also found, like, say, if you and I are sisters in our

home where we grew up, if we both want to watch something

different on TV, we just punch each other out.

And whoever's left standing gets to remote.

Well, it doesn't work at your house.

Don't work at your house.

So we have to learn how to take turns or rock paper, scissors,

resort Spock or whatever it is that we do to do the things

it is reteaching things.

One of the things I had to reteach the kids stuff like, don't

throw out the silverware.

We have a dishwasher, take care of your clothes because we

wash them and use them again.

It was just amazing to me.

I actually have the same silverware now for many years, like,

all the pieces.

And where is the silverware going?

Because they would just throw out the bowl of cereal in the

spoon, because in their old house, that's just what they

did, because they get evicted, they go someplace else and

go down to the thrift.

And so it's like, no, we don't do that here.

So I had to do a lot of re teaching.

The other thing.

We talked about how we wanted our kids to behave as if we're

there when we're not there.

And this is really self control.

And how many of you are with your kids?

24/7 365.

No one is, because if you raise your hand, I was going to

look under the table and see if they're there.

We're not because your kids go to school.

They ride the bus, they outside and play with friends, they

go to a babysitter or whatever.

And so our kids need to learn to have control over their

own behaviors.

If we're the ones externally controlling them all the time

then when we're not there, it's like when the teacher leads

the classroom, right?

And she hasn't taught the kids to maintain themselves.

It's going to be, you know, kind of thing.

I had a good colleague of mine, Michael Sanders, who's done

some a living pickles an event living training down here.

And Michael and I did a lot of pre service training.

I did pre service training for new parents for 19 years and

six different counties in Ohio.

And so Michael S came with me a lot.

And is one day we were driving up to Cleveland.

It was a couple of hours, 2 hours.

Dr left very early in the morning, but his little girl wanted

to go with them this time.

Makaia was about five, and she hadn't seen her Daddy all

week because we were traveling.

And she says, okay, but it's going to be a long day.

I don't care at okay, so we get up there and we're running

around, getting a room ready.

She's sitting in a chair right in the front row, kind of

half asleep.

And all of a sudden, all the staff kids come in.

Miss Denise, they're all running up to me.

And they all have the box of MnMs from school that they're

selling. You know, I'm talking about little handled box.

And then you get a box of MnMs, like, seven moms in them

for, like, \$3.

They can make two cent on that for their school.

So of course, I'm sitting here can use a dollar for your

dollar for your dollar for you.

So come on, guys.

We got get ready.

Everything's ready and waiting for Michael.

He's getting some new flip chart paper and, well, Jeez breakfast,

you know, Dr.

Pepper and peanut M and Ms.

Protein, you know, and May is looking up at me with these

big Brown eyes.

I said, Honey, do you want some Eminem?

And what do you think?

She said.

She said, no, miss Denise, my Daddy told me if I eat my lunch,

he'll buy me some this afternoon.

That self control that would not have been me as a child.

I would have gone, yeah, I shoved it in my mouth.

And when my mother would have said, Are you eating a thing?

All that would have been me.

But she had incredible self control again because her parents

taught her how to listen to those voices.

Yes.

No, don't do it kind of thing on her shoulders.

So these are our goals.

So any interactions that we have, we want to move this along

and this child's life because I truly believe I got a big

kick out of this.

I hear people say, oh, we have therapeutic foster care.

I believe every home is therapeutic.

Every home, adoptive home, a foster home, a kinship home

is a therapeutic environment, right?

Because hopefully these things are happening to repair, rebuild

and heal the child from what they've experienced.

And it's no easy task sometimes it really isn't.

So the patients of Jobs and the hope is a big thing.

So I'm gonna ask you this question, and I'm going to actually

put you in a couple of groups to finish it off for us.

But why do children misbehave?

Somebody said my class one time.

Why do they make our lives a living hell?

And I don't think kids set out to do it necessarily.

But let's talk about three categories of reasons.

All right, the first one are kid reasons.

Number one reasons kids misbehave survey says attention.

Really, his attention is wanting attention a bad thing.

No adults want attention all the time.

They do.

I'm getting your attention.

It's supposed to be getting your attention right now, but

it's not wanting attention because attention does build your

self esteem.

Attention does make you feel lovable and competent and desirable.

And all those things we need, right?

It is what it's not that they want attention.

It is how they go about getting it.

And you know what a lot of our kids have learned early on

that negative attention is better than no attention at all.

So if I go and I come home from school and I just got my

first sticker on my paper and I run over and I say, Daddy,

Daddy, look, I just got a sticker on my paper.

They will.

Dad in a recline chair.

He's got a twelve pack of Budweiser in his hand, and he's

watching something.

Leave me alone trying to watch TV.

Does my need for attention go away?

No, it's got up dancing.

So I run over to mom, who's still in bed.

Mommy, mommy, look, I got I'm trying to sleep.

Leave me alone now.

It's really intense, isn't it?

Because nobody's validated me.

Nobody's recognized my accomplishment.

And so I go back.

And I learned that with dad that if I stand in front of the

TV when he's trying to watch it, do I get his attention?

You betcha.

You bet.

You and I have to tell you that this happens in any family.

I remember many years ago, we had moved from New Jersey to

Ohio. I was in high school.

It was traumatic.

So I got a job right away, earned money and bought a plane

ticket back to New Jersey.

And I was going to spend the summer.

And at this point, my oldest brother is married, got two

kids. So he thought and I lied to him.

I'm going to be honest.

I told him I was coming back for two weeks with the ticket

that didn't get me back to all summer.

I went the day after school went out.

Actually, the afternoon school got out.

It was coming back Labor Day.

But I just told him two weeks.

Of course, I came with this big honkin suitcase.

But and of course, the boys were young at that time.

They were six and three.

He's down pretty quickly.

That was very helpful.

I babysat mow the lawn for him, which he hated to do.

Took out the trash cans I made myself invaluable.

So.

And finally he asked me, like, When's your flight back?

I said, admitted, Labor Day.

Well, you can say the 4 July.

By this time I had a job.

Well, you can stay till the end of July because I had already

gotten into basketball League.

Then I just ended up staying the whole summer and everything.

But I end up watching the kids a lot.

So one day I came home for my job, and he said he watched

the boys while we go to this appointment.

Okay.

And of course, the kids were so excited that Anti was there.

Let's go to the playground.

So we're not on the playground.

It's 100 degrees outside.

Hundred percent.

I just came from my job at the dry cleaner.

No, we're not gonna do that, you know?

Well, we can be in the shade.

We're not going to the playground.

Go find something to do, you know?

Well, let's play.

They're bringing out candy land.

They bring out yachts, they bring out shoots.

And no, I don't want to do that.

How about a puzzle?

No.

Well, we we play Atari.

Remember Atari Bing Bing.

That's where I learned to hate video games.

I have to tell you, it was Atari.

That was TSD ever since Atari.

And so finally, I said, you two other room find something.

They leave me alone because I'm sitting on the couch.

I watching.

I'm gonna date myself.

Mike Douglas, if you remember that.

Young people don't know who Mike Lee says, but the old people

do. They say thank you.

That was a long time ago, and all of a sudden, I'm sitting

there. I noticed the window.

There was smoke going by the window.

I go outside, they set a fire in a trash can.

Did they get my attention?

Yes.

Get the hole, put that out and do in here.

But they tried all the right ways.

All the right ways to get my attention.

And these are kids who never been abused or neglected or

whatever, you know.

But any kid will do that.

Okay.

So, yeah, attention is a kid reason.

And you'll see it.

I'm a lawyer in an airport.

I watch people and the parent will say, you know, this is

what they do.

Mom, mom on the plane.

Mom, mom, mom, mom, mom.

I'll say, Will you answer them, please?

And people say, I've heard people say a lot.

Well, they're doing it for the attention.

There's a message there.

There's a need there that needs to be fulfilled.

So, yeah, it might not be a good time for you.

Whatever.

But that child is trying to do everything in their power.

Do it the right way.

And the pre.

Soon they'll start resorting to worst things.

The next one is we're going to come back and fill in this

category. Parent reasons we've all been out shopping, out

to dinner, whatever.

And a kid is acting horrible.

And you want to slap the parent?

How many of you been there?

We've seen that.

That's not that kid's fault.

It's that parents fault that they're doing.

Give me an example.

Actually, I was down in Florida many years ago, and I was

sitting at a pool to a hotel, and I have my little headset

in. I'm listening to music on my Walkman again.

Old story reading.

Yeah.

Remember, you see another thing?

You have to go to Smithsonian for these things.

I'm telling you.

And I'm reading my magazine.

And there's a kid running around the pool.

You know, he must be about four or five.

His name's Michael, because his mother keeps yelling at him

from a lounge care.

Michael.

Michael, stop that.

Michael, if you do that on more time, you have T go upstairs.

Michael, don't do that again.

You're gonna have to go upstairs.

Never gets up.

And Michael's knocking over people's drinks.

He's splashing people.

He's bothering people.

Pretty soon, Michael, he keeps running and running into people.

He falls from the pool.

Michael, I told you not to get to the pool and bring a kid

to a pool and tell him not to get in it.

Seriously.

And he's, like, get out of the pool or you're gonna have

to go upstairs.

Michael, it deep end and he can't swim.

Mom's not getting up.

Take my headphones off.

Put my magazine down.

Get over Highline down.

Grab him by the arm, yank him out of the pool, and I March

him over to his mother.

And I say, Michael needs to go upstairs right now.

Well, in a Huff, she packs up.

We should go.

All people to pull clap for me.

Me see, Michael knew his mom was the next time.

Mom right.

We knew our parents head count.

Were they a one?

Were they three?

Were they five?

Were they attend?

My mother was a very clear three.

Denise, get in here and dry the dishes.

Yeah.

Mom on my line ain't coming.

She never comes the first time.

I'm still watching TV.

Denise, get in here and do the dishes on my way.

Mom, I'm on my way.

She never comes.

The second time I knew when she held the third time she was

coming. So I ran to meet her halfway.

I told you I was coming, right?

How many of your parents were your mom say that your mom

was a line.

A two, three, five.

Complete wins.

You know who they were?

How about your dad's?

One, two, three.

Nice.

So you knew that about your parents?

You knew how many times it's going to stay.

That's why I tell my oldest daughter I said, stop threatening

because they're going to take it as far as they can go.

Just do it.

My mother, she didn't play.

I know.

She told you to get time to get ready for bed.

She just come in, shut off the TV and stand in front of it.

Okay, mom, we're going.

She just didn't, like, threaten you.

So I just think that kids get kind of trained by parents,

and sometimes they're not trained in positive ways.

The next one is I probably should change the name of this.

It is our our second parents, foster parents or kids, your

parents or adoptive parents.

Sometimes you do the parent things, too.

So you have to check that out.

But I want to say that when you're filling in or you're taking

over as a parent, that there are also some unique things

that come up.

So, for example, one of the things is cultural differences,

right? Cultural differences.

How we live every day is different.

I had a kid one time and he came into the home.

I got him in about 230 in the afternoon.

So of course, I fed him a big old lunch because I know he

probably was sitting in the office eating chips, and we were

having dinner early because kids had football.

And whatnot?

So I have to be honest with you, I'm not a great Cook.

You're not going to starve at my house as you can see, but

it's not going to be better.

Homes and gardens are blown up a tea, and I do everything

buffet style because just easier with a bunch of kids.

And then we would sit at the table together as a family.

That night.

We're having spaghetti.

And of course, we have a vegetarian kid living with me or

a vegan kid living with me.

But I worked it out.

So we had our pasta marinara sauce, big old bowl of meatballs

and sausage salad.

I have the salad dressings all the way out, garlic bread.

And I would call the kids in our usual repertoire was they'd

come down, they get whatever they wanted to drink.

And then we would do the buffet now as a family.

And so this kid I started calling like, Come on, time to

eat. Let's go.

He is a shot in the kitchen.

He's like a shot in the kitchen.

And I turn around and I'm getting dishes out of the covert

to put down.

And I turn round.

He's eating out the hot.

I said, what are you doing?

And he says, oh, did you want to go first?

And he hands me the spoon.

I'm sitting here, I said, but we have plates.

He had lived in such a poor family that they didn't have plates. He never put the dishes in a dishwasher because they never lived any place with a dishwasher.

And so when he was leaving the dishes laying around because we have a boy strict roll, the reason we have a dishwasher to hide dirty dishes right then it was like he wasn't disobeying me or being defiant.

He was a totally different culture, the culture of poverty that I was totally unfamiliar with.

And so Consequently, I think that's something you don't know when a kid comes in, even if they're the same color of you, what their experience has been in their life.

And so I think that's something that really puts our foster

doctor kitchen parent sometimes and disadvantage.

All right.

So we're going to do is we're going to do three groups.

Let's have you guys do four be a group.

I'd like these two tables be a group.

And those two tables be a group.

And you should have a paper that says, why do children misbehave?

Did you get this yet?

Okay.

Here we got one of these.

Alright.

So let's do you guys do the kids stuff?

I want you guys to do the caregiver stuff and you guys to

do the parent stuff.

All right.

So let's go ahead.

You're the kid reasons, correct?

Yes.

All right.

So we're going to listen to this group for the kid reasons.

I'm going to jot a few things down here so I can keep track

of what we're doing, because unless I write on the walls,

which they probably don't want me to do, we don't have any

paper. So let's go ahead.

All right.

Why don't you give us a kid reasons that you have on the

problem to enter displaying behaviors, survival skills which

you Intinan are that might be ordered a lot of mental health

problems for disability, in curiosity or exploration local

the scene.

Can you see that also?

And then we're just talking about having a lot of boundaries

have inconsistency between Secretary members getting positive

reimbursement for one, not for center.

So confusing boundaries.

Yeah, very good.

Anybody want to add anything to their list?

Red red flags.

What's that?

Well, he sort of one.

That who reversed with now the DoD and the adapter.

The parents were a second of a child didn't call with all

the signs or class.

So that trigger that melted at one arc and everything else.

And when I talked to her box and silicated name, we got to

see where he changed Hollywood embarrass to humiliate the

actually had to turn it in the middle at an elementary school,

though, because it's a re-fire her.

And then when she got to the real school on that.

So when you got an she didn't tell me about it.

She had up.

It just wasn't going to happen in reality.

What he should have said.

I really wish she told the because we said there's any reaction

fuel her.

They love me and that just a red light from here.

Right.

So that's passed trauma that they had talked about.

And we have to understand, I think this is where it gets

tricky for parents.

And the this experiment done by probably I can't remember

the name of the particular scientist is now the kind of scientist.

But it was one of the things that rats have to do is rats

have to play.

They have to play.

They love playing joy, playing they play, play, play, play,

play. But when they brought a cat in and put it next to the

cage, the play stopped immediately.

So I tried to see what gradation of this.

So I got to the point where they put a single cat here in

the cage.

And that was enough to make the rat stop playing.

So we don't always know what the cat here is, right?

We don't know what that little trigger is going to be.

I had a kid one time where he had been moved on around his

birthday, like, four times.

It's September 4.

So they want to get him into a new school.

And so at the beginning of August, I had six teenagers.

I put up the calendar and I circled the days.

I said, Here are the days.

I'm free to take your school shopping every day.

Buddy picked one day.

I'm not going to take all of you.

So sign up for a day.

I'm not taking all of you at one time.

I'll take you one at a time, and we'll have our day together

with lunch, whatever.

He did a nose dive, and I couldn't figure it out that point.

What was the big deal?

He started?

He would come home from a summer job and just go to bed.

I couldn't barely get him up to come up for dinner.

And I started noticing he was starting to drink and was using

smoking pot and everything and finally figured it out that

he was getting ready to leave.

That was his cat hair.

That was a trigger for him.

That was a message.

School is going to start.

Oh, I have to leave.

And we don't always know what those things are for our kids

and what's going to push their buttons.

I have another friend of mine who's adopted a parent, and

she and her husband adopted these three girls at a very traumatic

background and several years had gone by, and they were having

a big barbecue in the summer.

And friends came and brought a case of some kind of beer,

and the kids freaked out because that was the beer that dad

drag before he sexually victimize them.

We just don't know what those things are that are going to

trigger their background.

I mean, absolutely.

I think that's a really great example.

Some of our kids are depressed.

They have other things going on.

And if they're mental health and you know what?

We have normal things that our kids are going to do, too.

Like being curious.

Like, Will that pop tart fit in the VCR?

My shoe go down the toilet.

You know what I mean?

How much beer do I have to drink before I feel something?

Excuse me, can I put my dog in a suitcase?

That is what my son.

Yeah, but we would think like, oh, my God.

They're trying to kill the dog were just, you know, I want

to listen to nerve explained they all know that something

is they'll even put it on the bar with it.

Can I do this?

There's a consequence about it, like I do it in or something

like, kids, I'm going to do it because I don't like the consequences.

I'll just run away, not realizing when you come back, there's

consequences. That's the short term kind of the memory and

everything about that.

Yeah, I agree.

I think that confusing boundaries is a big thing because

this might be.

And this is where kids may do well in school because they

understand the boundaries, but it's harder at home where

they're a little fuzzier, you know what I mean?

Or they do well in this environment, but not in that environment,

I think, because they need things incredibly, incredibly

clear for them.

Some of our kids have nor logical problems as well.

And I figured that out.

Actually, that really knowledge helped me with my mother.

One day I walked into my my mother lived with me as she was

deteriorating, and I took care of her for a couple of years

in my home, and I walked into her bedroom and she's standing

butt naked in front of the TV, said this close to her TV

eating a Milky Way bar.

I have no idea where th Milky Way Bar came from.

And I said, Mom, mom, you're naked.

And it became apparent when this happened because my mother

kind of forgot sequencing.

You know, she lost a capacity of sequence things like, you

all know how I know you can sequence your underwear is under

your clothes, not on top of it.

So I had to learn some tricks to help her, which was I would lay out her clothes from what you put on first, down to what you put on last, and then she could do it.

It's just like our kids.

There are kids who have some sort of kind of brain disabilities.

You say, go upstairs and clean your room.

Well, if they have eight or whatever, they're going to get distracted. They're not being disobedient.

It's just you may have to go up and pick up all the socks, come back down, go up and pick up all the Legos, come back down, you know?

I mean, sometimes you have to break stuff down to smaller places, and it's not that the kids being bad.

It's just who they are.

I want to go back and talk a little bit about survival skills

because I think our kids do a lot of survival skills.

Hoarding food, right?

The kid that goes around picks up loose change.

It's really easy for us to jump to the thing that he's stealing.

Well, maybe he came from a family where they ran out of food

stamps or 22nd of the month.

And if he didn't pick up a dime, here a nickel here quarter.

There a couple of pennies there at the end of the month around

with food, he would have nothing.

But because he's collected is a little bit of change.

He would be able to go down and buy some crackers or something

at the corner grocery store and be able to eat.

And I just think that those are things that kids a kid one

time who we get kind of boisterous and he hid in the closet

because of his house.

When things got boisterous, people were drunk and hurt each

other. We don't do that in my house.

So I think sometimes you got to begin to sort out what these

behaviors are coming from.

We're going to talk in a few minutes about normal developmental

kinds of behaviors that are easy for us to interpret as being

problematic. So give this group a hand to fabulous jobs.

All right.

We're going back to the parent group.

Is your spokesperson gone?

Where do they go?

You're those folks.

Come on.

Somebody got a fast up here.

I sit down and write down your stuff.

Go ahead scenario.

So Portland was one of the main reasons for a lien against

Portland age on a car.

You see a child a out in memory store militia, so guaranteed

plans that I belong in very srteamline.

Right.

Or are you the Unrealistic Expectations club?

Are are a two year old too and ruining one two year old acquire

evidence behind his edition the phone, whether it is work

or whether it's just for Russia reasons.

But I'm just being distracted.

Their numbers.

So we are Facebook outside quick friends or ordering of child

on the back around.

In is one of four entities you have here.

That how we learn behavior that we can be the best or behaviors

who email how may years from generation to generation, other

modes in behavior to file.

So we have children who my free.

We can be the way for national and the fitness of the others

that are and then also to have the leading passesare where

they're just not they have learned the parents feel that

they need.

So they give into the child and child in in any myotatic

behaviors. Yeah.

This is a great list here.

And I do think that unrealistic expectations is a big thing,

whether unrealistic expectations for the age of the child,

of what kids can do at certain ages.

I get kind of frustrated sometimes when I'm going to a wedding

and somebody brings a very young child to a wedding and they're

just not into it or graduation.

It's a long haul and they're just going to get fussy.

Or if they come to something like that, like a Church service

and they bring a young kids, they give them the noisiest

thing they have in their purse, like a set of keys to play

with. And so yeah, I think it is unreal to expect kids to

do that.

Do you think we have parents that are distracted by electronics,

by drugs, by alcohol, by all kinds of things that socialization

that they'd rather be doing absolutely and putting their

own needs first, whether their kids the whole role model

thing, I think, is a big thing and that we do learn things

by watching our parents.

Like, where do two year olds learn four letter words?

I mean, seriously, it's not on TV.

At least if it is, they shouldn't be watching those channels.

But you think about when I hear and they use it in context.

I'm really impressed by that.

So it's like my great niece Emma, who actually lives in Florida,

and her father called me one time.

He's like, I tell you, Emma did today at school, and she

was going to this little Catholics preschool.

And the teacher told him to line up and to walk slowly down

the hall to go to recess.

And of course, the minute she open the door, the kids go

barreling down the hall.

And Emma, whose bossy stands there in the middle of the hallway

with her hands, are hip and says, Stop running in the Ethan

Hall. But she said the word.

And so I said, Brett, where did she learn that word and everything?

Yeah.

I mean, kids pick stuff up from their parents good, bad and

ugly and everything.

And we do have parents who are lazy and pass it's hard work

parenting. That's why it starts with labor.

I think labor in this world in our world is the home study

is yes, sir.

Can you address this?

You know, we're talking about shorter behaviors, but then

we talk about parent behaviors.

I'm sitting next to a grandparent also who's going over the parenting all over again.

Sometimes my I'm just tired and they warned me out.

Oh, yeah, man, I'm old dirt.

And sometimes it's just, like, so much easier to just go

on the other and watch TV.

And you got to do that for self preservation.

Sometimes sometimes my nerves get a lot lot quicker.

My nerves that he gets on my nerves quicker, I think survive

for us.

Well, there's a couple of things I think that yeah.

I mean, when my grandchildren were younger, now they're teenagers.

So they're into themselves and they're distracted kids because

this is their whole life.

I mean, I have to say to them, don't bring that to the dinner

table or I'm going to take you off to lunch.

But you have to leave that in the car because we're going

to have a conversation.

And actually they say later to their mom.

I really enjoyed that time.

But I think it's okay.

I mean, I remember having a Cameron when he was younger and

for the weekend, and I got tired when he was three.

You know, I started winding him down a lot sooner than his

parents do.

And so when we do a prisoner exchange halfway between Cincinnati

and Columbus at a McDonald's, the exit of the freeway.

And she said, what time did he go to bed last night?

I said, he was asleep by 830.

She goes, how did you do that?

And I said, Well, first of all, there's no cathene or sugar.

We had a little earlier in the day, but after about 02:00,

I cut them off.

I said, then we did all of our rush housing in the afternoon,

started slowing them down, had dinner, and then gave them

a bath, started getting quiet.

Watch the quiet little show on TV.

And then we read books and she says, what?

W.

I went to bed.

I said, because I needed to go to bed.

So I do think it's okay to let them have their freshly have

to learn how to entertain themselves.

I think that becomes an important thing.

So I think if you're able to a couple of things, one is sometimes

you need adult time, too, with your friends.

Right.

And so sometimes it's like, yeah, it was an adult time.

Yeah.

I don't know how your grandchildren are, but I've had grandparents

share with me their secrets, and some of it is, well, I invite

my friends to come watch the soccer game, so we sit on the

bench and the bleachers and we talk while he's out there

doing his thing.

So that's the way you can still keep your needs met a little

bit, I think, is important.

But I do think having a routine.

And I think quiet time, it's okay if they watch TV for an

hour or two or whatever.

But I think that you need to do that and maybe get a schedule

that's more in line with your biological clock might be helpful.

So when you're feeling really drained and on edge, this is

a time when you can play a video game or you can watch Frozen

for the 97,000 time to be able to do that because you really

do. Or if there's two of you as parents, a tag team in terms

of it, to kind of sit down and negotiate what you do better

versus what they do better, you know what I mean.

And so when I'm visiting my sister when the girls were young,

I always did bath time with him because I wasn't their mom,

and I enjoyed it and everything.

And she said, oh, I'd be glad to stay in here and do the

dishes and you get him ready for bed.

And we tagged him that way because she was a single parent

or her husband passed away.

So I do think I think my mother was a single parent and I'm

a latent life child.

She had me at 43, but she did.

I was planned at 43 again.

Why?

But she was really smart and that she did things like utilize

extended family a lot.

And I never felt like I was being discarded or sent away.

It was like Denise Aunt Vivian called and wanted to know

if you wanted to go camping with her family this weekend.

Amphibian called for me.

Yeah, she called for you, you know?

So I think to really do that strategically so you can sleep

in. You can go grocery shopping without a kid that you can.

Yeah.

What I'm saying is you need to kind of take care of yourself

and be able to, you know, parcel the child to her.

But you want when you're taking so funny.

I've been working on a new word for respite care for 100

years. An this person other day say, watch you all take care

of time.

Oh, my God.

It's brilliant.

Take care time.

But it should be a win win.

So the child gets a bonus and you get your bonus.

So thinking about how you can have a Saturday program at

the library or is there sometimes dropping a kid off and

just go having a cup of coffee is regenerating for yourself.

So I would say to seek out those things in your community

that's going to enhance your child.

But yet give you a little bit of downtime.

And don't be afraid to ask a friend a family.

Would you like to have him come visit this week?

And he's been asking about, you know, and everything is able

to do that.

But you do take care of yourself because we do get tired

quicker and we don't want getting tired and frustrated to

result. Nothing negative.

Yeah.

Like I said, if he's a younger, try, get him on your biological

clock. And I think that might help a little bit too.

So.

Okay, good job for that group back there.

Our last.

Do we clap for you because we want to do that up here.

This is our second parent reasons, which I think are really

important to understand that what are some of the unique

challenges of people who are taking over stepping in to parent

a child that they haven't had the whole time.

So let's hear what you got going on.

We set a guilt.

Tell me about that.

Maybe not.

It's that one, two, three.

Okay.

One can be the rental district of the count.

I feel sorry for this.

We might be respective gratitude from his child for that

we're giving them.

We want to change the child.

It's a horrible thing.

We blame the vibe, Ma, which make us lose trust last of communicating

the boundaries in very black and white because kids are concreting

first. Maybe fear of system or fear of previous trauma trauma

system. And I told that a case manager called me out of there

just tired of the system.

You have to do so many things.

Just so many foods for the caregiver as operant or as parent.

That what does that mean?

You find energy for the actual to.

Yeah, it's really a unique thing.

I keep telling that not everybody can be a foster, adoptive  
or kinship parents.

It's not cut out for everybody.

And I think there are people who sometimes feel sorry for  
the child.

To me, I want you to empathize.

I want you to have insight to what the child experience,  
but we have to really help heal this kid, which really requires  
us to take on a different kind of parenting.

I'm glad that you mentioned the gratitude because I think  
people do kind of expect that I rescued you from the jaws  
of death.

I want think about from it.

When did you get grateful for your parents?

Do you remember?

I mean, seriously, I got grateful of second day on the job

in child welfare when I realized, like me and my mom went

so bad after all, you know what I mean and everything.

But we're adults.

We had our own kids, we moved out and these kids had to lose

something to come to your home.

So I think that's an important thing, because otherwise you'll

be disappointed.

And then we'll be angry with the child, you know, and that's

the whole thing change the child.

I had a foster parent.

I'm sorry.

The battery on my hearing AIDS dying.

So it makes weird noises in my ear is that she said to me

as a foster parent, because I see my job as a foster parent,

that my job is not necessary to change the child.

But for me to change myself, to take care of the child effectively.

You know what I mean?

And this is a bad analogy.

But how many ever watch, like Caesar Milan, The Dog Whisper,

Cesar Millan, The Dog Whisper or The Supernanny show that

they actually came in season.

Man comes in and works with the humans because when he changes

the humans behaviors, the dogs behaviors change.

I'm a prime example.

We adopted our dog, two year old dog.

She's a chocolate lab.

Adopted her eight and a half years old.

She obviously is very food driven.

This dog, I mean, seriously, mega food driven.

And I can teach her anything, because if she knows, she's

going to get something to eat for it even eight years.

Well, now she's ten and a half.

But when we first got her, I mean, she was really demanding.

She would bark at you for food and stuff like that, and she

would come over and stare at you.

And of course, I felt sorry for her.

So I kept giving her food, which did what just kind of continue

to reinforce that behavior.

So my daughter yells at me and say, Stop eating her stuff.

She's just going to be worse.

And when I kind of resisted my temptations to feel sorry

for her, give her treat or snack or half my sandwich, you

know, guess what?

That all kind of.

So I changed my behavior.

Her behavior has changed.

You know, it's like the guy who comes into the therapist

and says, Man, I want to divorce my wife.

You know, she's cranky.

She's crabby.

She just doesn't dress anymore.

She doesn't care how she looks.

She doesn't take care of the house very well.

She doesn't Cook very good meals.

And if she cooks at all and everything.

So I need some help figuring out how to get out of this Mary

as as easy as possible.

And he said, he says, Well, I'm going to give you some advice,

and then I want you to come back in two weeks.

And at that point, we'll be able to move forward.

He says, okay, well, first of all, on the way home today,

pick up some flowers, and then I want you to when you get

home to give them to your wife and compliment her about something.

And then I'd like you tomorrow on the two Thursday of the

week, I'd like you to take care of the kids for her and let

her have free time.

And then you need to get a babysitter and take her out to

dinner Friday night.

And then you have to tell her how nice she is and how wonderful

she is and how much you love her.

Really?

This is going to help get me a divorce.

Yeah.

Trust me on this one.

So the guy comes back in two weeks and the therapist as well.

You're ready to move forward?

Divorced.

He goes, I don't know.

My wife has changed.

Okay.

So I think part of it is again, we have to we have to be

the amoeba that morphs to kind of figure out because not

every kid is the same, right?

So we have to figure out what it is that that kid needs.

It's going to help this child.

Trust me, it's going to be something very different from

that child.

Trust me.

So I think that becomes an important thing.

I think the other thing, too, is I do think the roles and

the boundaries peace, you know, because these kids have lived

places where there's been none.

Then they come into a different environment and another environment,

another environment.

So we can't assume that kids know all those.

By the same token, I want you to stand on front porches.

They hear here's the volume here's the rules, read them,

live them, learn them, love them.

I mean, that's not it.

But I just think we can't assume that they understand all

those things.

I think another one that we didn't mention was lack of information.

You know, we don't know everything that has happened to this

child from day one.

We don't we weren't with them 24/7.

And so Consequently, we have to kind of fill in the blanks

with guesses sometimes.

And so I think that becomes a big thing.

Even as a relative, you didn't know every piece of information.

I had had Zach one time, and I had taken him to the Zoo,

and we had done some things.

And I came home.

Well, of course, after I take it, he kept saying, Why don't

you take me to the bathroom?

Because, buddy, you're drinking a bunch of stuff goes and

comes out.

Of course he goes on the playground.

And what happens?

Yeah, he comes.

He goes, I had to go to the bathroom and he's all wet all

the way down.

I think that ship has sailed.

And so Consequently, we had to.

Then his mother didn't do a good job of packing.

So I had to take him home, give him a bath and put his pajamas

on. So we go down to, like, Myers, which is kind of like

Walmart and Columbus and go shopping.

And I said, let's pick up a movie and he picks up the Slasher

killer Murderer one, and he's like, five.

I say, you have to watch this.

He goes, oh, we watch it all the time.

So I pick up myself.

When I calls mother, I said, Angela Zach has picked up this

movie and does that meet your approval.

And he's kind of sitting in the car right in front of me

like, this close.

And he goes, Put him on the phone and I give him the phone

and he gives it back to me and goes, Finding Nemo will be

okay. But we don't know.

Even relatives don't know everything about kids.

So I just think that that really makes it hard on us.

So good job to this group.

Give him a hand.

Show him love.

Now we have kids coming with kid reasons from families that

perhaps didn't have perfect parenting coming into scenarios

where we actually have challenges as foster adopted kinship

parents. Right?

What do you see when you put those three things together?

What perfect storm do you get?

It's kind of messy, isn't it?

Yeah.

So let's go ahead and move on and talk about a couple more

things. But I just wanted to put that because I think one

of the things you always have to think about is what's causing

this misbehavior.

Is it a kids thing is a normal developmental behavior.

Am I doing something?

Have I missed something as a caregiver, a second parent.

So I think this is a really important thing.

A couple of the headlines, particularly for people who are

foster parents or children who are still in the custody of

DCF, is a couple of things.

You're not allowed to spank kids, are you, as a foster parent

higher, not allowed to spank because you have administrative

code 51 1279 E.

One says it, don't put your hands on the kids.

Why do we do that?

Because it's totally legal for people to spank their kids.

But caregivers can't.

Yeah.

A lot of its trauma.

And I had mentioned earlier that my mother used Corporal

punishment rarely.

And everything right.

Very rare.

By the time I started school, she wasn't using it.

I think by time as the secret is as tall as my mother, she's

very tiny woman, but she was mighty.

But, you know, here's the thing.

You and I would disagree about the line between what is Corporal

punishment and what is abuse.

You know, I'm saying we would not be able to agree where

that line is.

I think States make it really easier by saying no one.

The other thing is that you may say, Well, I know how to

do it right.

But you to understand these kids are coming from environment

where it was done totally and completely wrong that created

and caused trauma, right?

So for my mom, like I said, we always kind of knew what the

program was.

You know, she tell you once, she tell you twice, tell you

three times, then you got to wake up, call.

And like I said, she didn't ever be us.

He would maybe grab the arm.

She was a big thrower and she was terrible at it.

We kind of laugh at her.

That made even matter but a good shot, mom and everything.

But she would just kind of grab me and pull you close.

That was her kind of physicality with you and everything.

But what we have to understand is that this is kids that

might have had this scenario.

Let's say I'm a three year old and I get up and I'm really,

really hungry.

And I go in and I shake my mom 630 in the morning.

And, Mommy, I'm hungry.

You know where the serial goes.

Go take care of yourself.

Go get your own breakfast.

So I go to the kitchen and I get out to cereal and I get

a big bowl out and I get to milk out.

And how do I leave the kitchen?

In what condition?

Yeah.

Milk, cereals everywhere.

Milk, butter.

We're supposed to carry that bowl into the living room.

There's a trail.

It there.

My mom gets up about ten.

3011, sees the mess I made, comes out and smacks me around

and throws me in my bedroom, you know, for making a mess.

I just got thanked for doing what I was told to do.

That doesn't make sense to me, right?

So I'm stuck in that room all night.

Next morning, I get up and I'm really hungry now because

I didn't have lunch or dinner.

And do I wake up my mom for breakfast?

No way do I go make breakfast?

No way.

So I'm sitting in front of the TV.

My mom gets up about noon and say, hey, baby, you hungry?

Yeah, mom, I have a yeah, I'm really starving.

I want breakfast.

What's the matter with you?

Lazy thing?

You know where the cereal is smack smack back.

Now think about the little kids.

Mine.

I just got smacked for not doing what I got smacked for yesterday.

You see how it's not a cause effect.

It's so messed up.

So, you know, the other thing I like to tell people is that

this kid has really been expose the physical abuse, neglect,

whatever as a means, the punishment.

And then all of a sudden, you say, don't do that.

You now are in the same categories, the people who hurt them

because it's going to escalate.

They feel they worry, you know, and I just think that's something

that we have to recognize.

So this is a big one.

And I have to tell you, this is very hard, because again,

I was raised with parents who believe that a good crack will

straighten you up, right?

The people who want to call culture, whatever reason, spare

the Rod, spoil the child all those kinds of things.

And so it's really hard for parents to stop using something

that is so deeply valued in part of their culture.

And it's really, really hard.

But it's something I think there's lots of other things that

we can do.

But this is one.

And face it, you got some of you do older kids.

So I'm going to hit a kid who's this big, they're going to

hit me back.

But I figure if I can control big kids with my brain and

my mouth, my facial expressions and my body language, you

can do little kids.

You know, it's hard because you just want to grab them and

shake the heck out of them.

I totally get it in the airport.

I'm like that child that's birth control sitting right there.

Well, I'm just saying, seeing that kid at should make anybody

might want to have kids, but it is something that it was

a case six month old infant and the mom left the kid in a

box up in the attic.

And it was, well, teach the baby a lesson.

It was to discipline plus and isolate them.

I'm like, maybe six months old.

And that's again, another place where so now you get the

baby into care.

And again, baby is gonna have kind of separation issues,

going to have claustrophobia, all kinds of things.

But this is a big one.

And again, I always ask people how many of you are here to

reverse undue child abuse or to stop child abuse.

It stops in your living room.

And it's hard.

I'm not saying this one's easy.

This one's hard and everything, particularly you get little

kids to just push your last nerve, and it is.

And you have to be the one that walks away.

That's why you have to have your Verizon wireless team behind

you stepped in verbal abuse.

Somebody tell me why.

Why are we trying to not do anything that verbally abuse?

The kid calm names make fun of them, degenerate their.

Is that a word dereal bad about their family and things like

that? Why?

Well, what little they might have?

Yeah.

You don't build them up, right?

What else?

And let's face it, if you're putting a kid in a position

to pick between you and a birth family member, you're going

to lose that one every time if you do that, you know.

And so I just think and I know people think of it.

We have people who've made racial comments about kids and

things like that.

It just horrifies me that we would talk to kids that way.

And so to me, it's like there are times when I was very angry

with birth parents because they would promise things and

not follow through or they would do really horrible things.

And, you know, I would think these things, but I would never

say it to the kids because guess what?

They'll come up with themselves.

And when they say My mom is such a jerk, I said, Gee, honey,

why do you feel that way?

Well, you have every right to feel that way.

If somebody let me down, I might feel the same way too.

I just had to bite my tongue a lot of times with stuff.

All right.

So let's go ahead restraining kids.

Now let me just clarify.

Do we put them in a seat belt?

Do we put them in a car seat?

Absolutely.

Do we put them in the grocery cart with a little seat belt

on? Absolutely.

Do we hold their hands or across the street?

Yes, we did.

We grabbed them out in front of the runaway truck.

Yes, we do.

What we're talking here is when people have done things.

We had a family in Ohio who wrapped their three year old

devout Lane delayed foster child up and the blanket with

duct tape and put them in the bottom of the closet where

he died.

We had a family in Ohio.

You must have heard about the kids in the cage cases.

It was infamous, you know.

No, we don't put kids in cages.

Why?

It's just inhumane and everything.

And so to me, I think.

And we even had these big debates about the little harnesses

they put on kids, you know, with the little leashes.

What do you guys think about that?

I'm still debating.

I argue with myself or little risk things you put on a kid.

I mean, if they're 15, that might kind of be embarrassing,

but two and a half three.

I mean, if it's going to keep the kids safe because, you

know, it's like this, they get away and in a crowd.

And if you're by water and stuff, I mean, I was freaking

when we went to the Jersey Shore.

One time we ended up with a house.

We run a house every year.

I was on a lagoon and my great niece nephew were like 18

months and three years old.

And I said to my nephew, I am sending you life jackets for

those kids.

They will wear every hour.

They're awake because it'd be that quick, even though there

is 20 of us at the house that quick.

We're making dinner or whatever.

They'd be out the door.

So to me, this is a no brainer.

We don't do anything that's inhumane to kids.

Okay.

And of course we talked about that.

Alright.

Now, what else can you do?

This is to me.

The big thing is that there are so many things that we can

do to minimize the use or eliminate the use of Corporal punishment,

these other kinds of things that are counterproductive.

I think of them as tools in my tool box.

If the only tool I had in my toolbox was a Phillips screwdriver,

how many repairs could I make?

It?

My house very limited.

If I was going to have one tool, be a hammer, because then

I beat the hell out of whatever it was, throw it away and

get a new one, right.

But the more tools you have in your toolbox, the more repairs

that you can do, the more tools in your toolbox, the more

that you can work with these children.

Because it works today doesn't necessarily work tomorrow.