

TIPS TO CONNECT WITH KIDS

BE RELIABLE

Be dependable and really listen when together. Show up for the good times and the bad.

ENCOURAGE GROWTH

Expect them to do their best and to move outside their comfort zones. Hold them accountable and help them learn from their mistakes and failures.

BE AN ADVOCATE

Help guide them through hard situations. Support them to complete tasks and reach their goals. Empower them to take charge of their life.

INCLUDE AND COLLABORATE

Practice power WITH instead of power OVER. Show profound respect and give them a say in decisions that affect them.

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES

Find ways to expose them to new experiences, ideas, people, and places. Inspire them to connect with their community and see possibilities for the future.

SHARE YOUR FAILURES

Share mistakes you have made and how you have dealt with adversity. Model how people can move forward from their difficulties.