

Testimonials from 800 CHILDREN callers

A mother called very concerned for her daughter. The mother was crying. In this situation the mother was preparing for the return of her 12 year old daughter from an intensive residential treatment facility. The mother stated that her daughter had to go to the “mental institution” because she was cutting herself, writing poems about death and then making suicidal threats. The mother was very upset about the cutting issue and had never heard the term before. She is really confused about why someone would cut. During the discussion of her daughter’s return and defining cutting the mother then discloses that her daughter told the mother that her step grandfather had molested her. Later the mother explains she was once molested as a teen too. After a lot of discussion around cutting, treatment and healing the mother found hope and there was calmness in her voice. She then followed up with me two days later with lots of thank you’s. She stated she didn’t know where else to turn and she made the perfect phone call.

A mother calls who is sharing custody of her daughters with her ex husband. The mother is really concerned by the fact that the ex-husband has a male friend that has a history of sexual conduct with very young females. This friend has gotten into serious trouble in the past. Her daughters were going on a long weekend trip with her ex-husband. She really was concerned that her two daughters may come into contact with man and if they do what should her daughters do. Lots of different prevention methods and techniques were discussed.

Grandmother has taken on the role of the primary care taker after daughter in-law had to be hospitalized due to a mental disorder (bipolar). The grandmother states that her grandson, at age 12 months will not ever let her leave his sight and if she does for even a second he screams and screams. She states that she has to be giving him complete and total attention or he won’t stop crying. She does not know what to do.

A woman calls in incredibly concerned for the safety in-laws children. She went to visit them and noticed that their clothes were filthy, they were very behind intellectually for their ages, and even saw the mother hit one of the children with a wooden spoon. She said that one the little girls just freezes when she sees her mother because she is so afraid of her. The woman wants to call CPS but doesn’t want to get involved because they are in-laws, what can she do for the children and the tired mother.

A soon to be grandmother calls in because she is worried that her son will not take on the fatherly role for his baby. She is worried because he does not seem to be involved with any of the conversations dealing with the baby. She said that her son is young, but she wants him to get more excited and understand his role in the family. She wanted to get some materials and information that would get her son more interested and more aware that he plays an enormous role in the child's life.

A soon to be very young father calls and is really nervous about having a child. He said that he didn't know anything about raising a child and was looking for some guidance. He wanted any help we could give him in how to prepare for the baby and what to do once the baby arrives.

A new mom calls. It's the first week out of the hospital with the baby. She can't believe they actually let her take this baby home – she doesn't feel like she's ready for all this! She's read a lot, but isn't really sure if she's doing everything right. None of her friends have new babies. She does have her own mom, but her solution is “just give me the baby”.