
Families of Faith

— Building strong Families —

Important information

- Teens spend 10 Hours a week with the church, 158 hours somewhere else and most of that time is in the home.
- Studies have shown that parents have 3-4x more influence over their kids than the church.

Lordship

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Romans 10:9

9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

WHAT PARENTS SAY...



WE WANT
CARING KIDS!



say moral character in children is "very important, if not essential" ^{FN5}

WHAT KIDS THINK...



THAT'S NOT
WHAT I
HEARD!



think happiness or achievement is their parents' top priority

ARE WE READY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY & RETHINK PRIORITIES?

OF 10,000 YOUTH SURVEYED:

80% say achievement or happiness is their top priority

WHILE ONLY 20% say caring for others is their top priority



Youth were even more likely to say that their peers value achievement and happiness over caring.



Youth are 3x more likely to agree than disagree with this statement: 'My parents are prouder if I get good grades than if I'm a caring community member.'

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other...

Joshua 24:15

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

1 Timothy 4:16

16 Watch your life and doctrine closely.

Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both **yourself** and your hearers.

Connecticut Y&F Stats

Southern Connecticut (estimates)

- Teens -20
- Pre Teens - 20

Hartford

- Teens - 30
- Pre Teens - 30

Groton/ New London

- Teens -15
- Pre Teens - 15

**TOTAL TEENS &
PRE TEENS IN CT:**

130

Leadership: Church & Families

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Leadership: The Church

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Ephesians 4:11-12

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **12** to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

“No brainers”

- Hope Youth Corps
- Pre Teen/ Teens Camp
- Parents and Y&F get time together to discuss family.

Southern Connecticut “Families of Faith”

- At least one family discussion during the bible studies of the teen
- Teens ask parents to do at least 3 follow up studies with them
- Monthly Parent Devos
- Mentoring program
- Parents doing Faith Building Studies
- Parent and teens do community service projects together
- New Pre Teen Structure
- <http://sctcoc.org/families-of-faith-comprehensive-plan/>

Leadership: Families

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Deuteronomy 4:5-10

5 See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. **6** Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations...

9 Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. **10** Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children."

**“Teamwork Makes the
Dream Work!”**

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2 Teamwork Game Changers

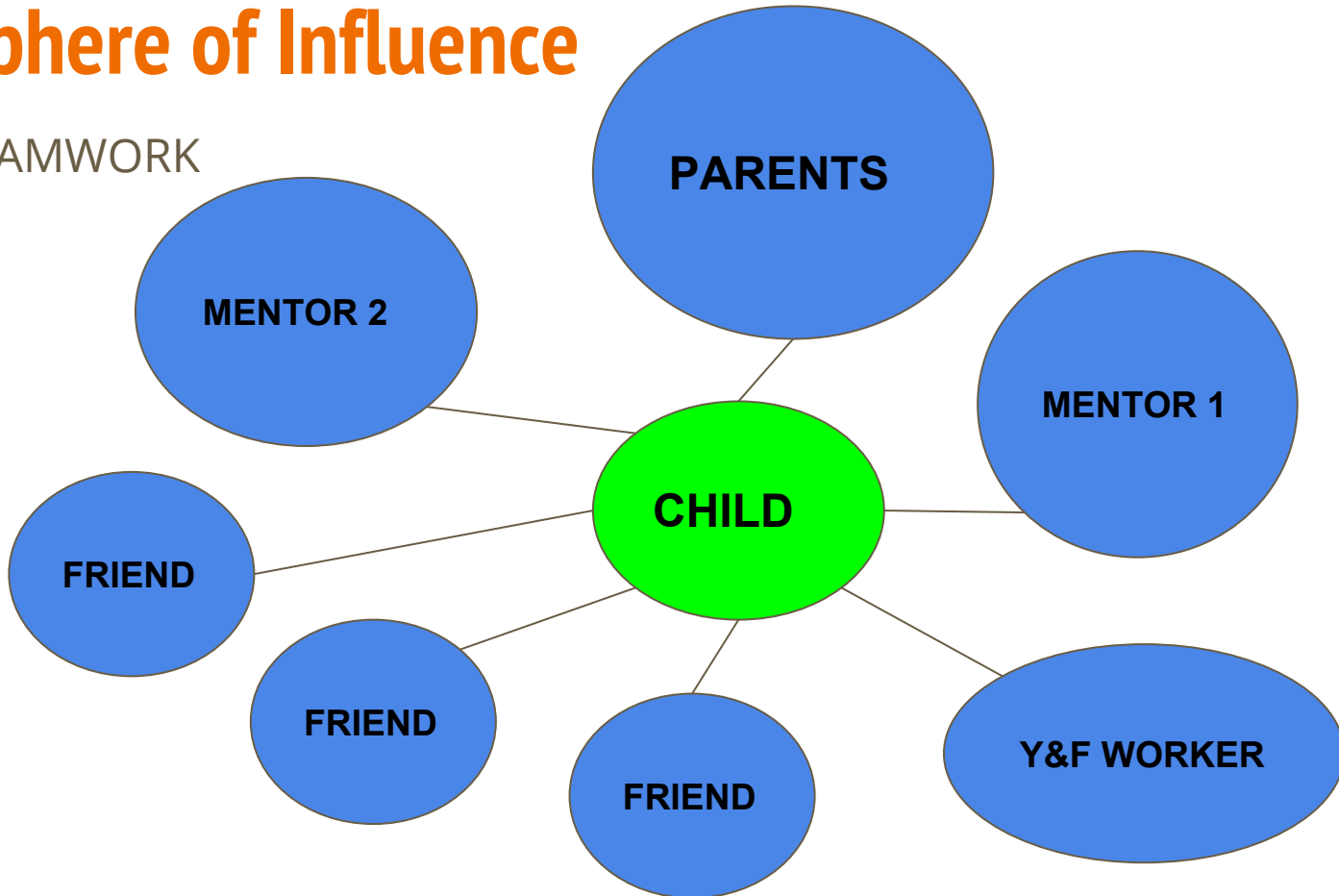
1. **Get discipling** - Awesome marriages and awesome families
2. **Put a team around your kid**

The A-Team

1. Parents
2. Mentors
3. Y&F workers
4. Friends

Sphere of Influence

TEAMWORK



Parent Questionnaire (2 strengths 2 weaknesses)

Discuss these in your next Dtime:

- It is clear in our family that God is above everything
- Our marriage is spiritually healthy and our kids see love for each other
- I regularly have spiritual discussions with my Teen and fun!
- I believe i am personally responsible for the spiritual development of my child.
- I help put a great sphere of influence around my kids (consists of friends, mentors, Y&F worker)
- As a family we are actively seeking opportunities to reach out to other families in the community/school/neighborhood
- We actively seek discipling from church leaders, Y&F workers, other parents to learn how we can grow as a family and as a parent

What now?

- Smash the Idols!
 - What are you serving above God? Smash it!
- Pray&Develop a “Family of Faith” battle plan
 - Dtimes, Idol smashing, recommitting to church activities, going to camps, Books, character studies, find a mentor
- Discuss battle plan & questionnaire with trusted advisors to get some help
 - Teamwork makes the dreamwork!

Thank you!

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