# Parenting with Purpose: Raising Responsible, Resilient Teens

Thursdays in 2026 7:00 - 8:00 PM Mtn. Standard Time (Arizona Time) January 22, 29 February 5, 12, 19, 26 March 5, 12, 19, 26

Each class is set up as an independent experience, so come to all 10 or just the ones that align with your schedule.

Register **here** or use the QR code

### Session 1: January 22nd - Raising Respectful, Responsible, Resilient Teens

Ready to transform your relationship with your teen? Start here! Learn how to parent with both kindness AND firmness using a "connection before correction" approach—because teens who feel connected and understood are far more receptive to guidance.

Discover practical strategies for

\*strengthening your bond while setting clear boundaries

Leave with tools you can use immediately, and renewed confidence in guiding your teen toward responsibility and resilience.

## Session 2: January 29th - Less Yelling, More Talking!

Tired of backtalk, emotional outbursts, and daily battles? This session gives you game-changing tools to handle your toughest parenting moments. Learn why teens talk back (and what actually works to stop it), discover the brain science behind big emotions and how to help everyone calm down, and practice tools that get kids to listen without the need for yelling or bribing. These proven Positive Discipline strategies will help you create more peace, respect, and connection at home—starting today!

## Session 3: February 5th - Understanding Your Teen's Misbehavior

What if your teen's worst behavior is actually a coded message? This session reveals the hidden goals driving misbehavior—what's really happening beneath the surface when your teen acts out, shuts down, or pushes your buttons. Learn to decode what your teen is actually communicating through their actions and discover how to respond to the underlying need instead of just reacting to the behavior. These Positive Discipline insights transform frustrating moments into opportunities for connection and growth, helping you address the root cause rather than just the symptoms.

<sup>\*</sup>replacing power struggles with collaboration

#### Session 4: February 12th - Getting Your Teen to Listen to You

Feeling like your words go in one ear and out the other? This session teaches you effective strategies for communicating without lectures or arguments. You'll discover how to strengthen your connection by truly listening to your teen's perspective. When teens feel heard and respected, they're far more likely to listen in return. Walk away with practical tools to transform one-sided conversations into meaningful dialogue.

### Session 5: February 19th - Improving Your Teen's Behavior

Ready to move beyond punishment and power struggles? This session introduces a collaborative approach that actually works with teenagers. Learn how to solve problems together by focusing on solutions, following through on agreements in ways that build trust and accountability, and guiding your teen toward better choices without nagging or controlling. These Positive Discipline tools help you lead with authority while developing your teen's responsibility and life skills—bringing more joy and less stress back into your parenting journey.

#### Session 6: February 26th - Empowering Teens to Make Good Choices

Want your teen to make better decisions without your constant oversight? This session explores the crucial difference between empowering and enabling—helping your teen build independence without rescuing them from consequences. Learn strategies for guiding teens toward responsible choices while staying connected, even during their biggest mistakes and challenges. Discover how to step back without stepping away, building your teen's confidence and decision-making skills for the real world. These tools prepare your teen for adulthood while keeping your relationship strong through the most challenging parenting moments.

# Session 7: March 5<sup>th</sup> - Helping Teens Cope With Stress

Today's teens face unprecedented pressure—and many struggle silently. This session helps you recognize the warning signs when your teen is overwhelmed and teaches practical strategies to support them through difficult times. Learn how to equip your teen with tools to manage challenges confidently and handle stress effectively, rather than shutting down or acting out. Discover ways to strengthen family connection during stressful periods, creating a safe space where your teen feels supported instead of judged. Transform stress from a family battleground into an opportunity for growth and deeper relationships.

# Session 8: March 12th - Helping Teens Learn Persistence

Want to raise a teen who doesn't give up when things get hard? This session shifts your focus from fixing every problem to building lasting resilience. Learn to emphasize your teen's strengths and take a big-picture approach that develops their self-concept. Discover why "children do better when they feel better" doesn't mean keeping teens happy every moment—it means fostering deep belonging and significance that fuel perseverance. These strategies help your teen develop the inner strength to face challenges and bounce back from setbacks.

### Session 9: March 19th - Talking About Tough Topics With Teens

What if your own fears are the biggest barrier to honest conversations with your teen? This session helps you identify the anxieties secretly driving your parenting and shows you how to recognize when fear takes over. Discover why worry-based responses shut teens down and learn communication techniques that create openness instead. When you approach difficult topics with calm awareness rather than anxiety, your teen is far more likely to share honestly. Build the kind of trust that keeps critical conversations flowing, even about the scariest subjects.

### Session 10: March 26th - Eliminating Power Struggles

Exhausted from battling over everything from curfews to chores? This session shows you how to stop fighting your teen's need for independence and start using it to your advantage. Learn strategies that transform their desire for control into cooperation and collaboration. Discover the communication shifts that make teens actually want to work with you instead of against you. When teens feel respected and have appropriate autonomy, resistance melts away. These game-changing tools turn daily conflicts into opportunities for teamwork—and give you your sanity back.

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