

## My 2 yr. Old Partner And Our Non MLM Home Based Business!

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My 2 yr. Old Partner And Our Non MLM Home Based Business!1 min - May 18, 2008After viewing this video I noticed my sons band aid in his ear was visible. It held in a piece of medicated cotton. The nice thing was, Daddy was home. Because both my wife and I are stay home parents we have no boss to consider when it comes to things like this. That's just one of the things I love about my home business.

I am a Licensed Mental Health Counselor with over 9 years experience working with children, adolescents, young adults and adults, mainly in the area of grief and loss. Through my work at Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People, [www.brookesplace.org](http://www.brookesplace.org), I have been taught by countless numbers of individuals, ranging in ages 3 - adults, about grieving the death of someone significant. Death is the ultimate loss. However, each loss in life is significant. My practice provides a safe place for you to work through any loss or relationship issue. Other areas I work with include depression, anxiety and self esteem. Grieving is natural and is your unique way of experiencing any loss. Choosing to grieve any loss is a courageous step. I will walk with you in your grief journey, at your speed and duration. How you choose to express your story is up to you. I will offer you acceptance while sharing your story. Are you experiencing loss through death, relationship, experiences from childhood, career choices, children transitioning, or other losses? Do you yearn for greater intimacy in relationships? Where there is death or loss, there is life, love, faith, hope and joy. Doing the work of grief is not easy; it IS REAL! And, you are worth it.

Darlene is in residency at the CTS Counseling Center and is a life coach. She specializes in personal professional growth and development as well as lifestyle change. Please feel free to contact her for a complimentary coaching session and for information about the services she offers. Call Darlene today to experience the growth you've been seeking!! Don't forget to ask about the life changing Energy Leadership Index Assessment! This is truly life transforming tool!

In the 35 years I have worked with clients, I've learned that our lives can change instantly. Sudden death, life threatening diagnosis, accidents, job loss, marriage, or divorce can shake us at our inner core. I also know that conflicts in relationships can be devastating and confusing. I strive to provide a safe, caring, compassionate and professional environment for you to work and find solutions. Feel free to call for a brief telephone consultation (no charge) to determine if I'm the right person to help you with your concerns. Membership: Indiana Oncology Social Workers; National Association of Social Workers.

Because I see children, I am often asked questions about parenting. Some are very specific, asking about how to handle a behavioral issue like anger or doing homework. Other times, the questions are more general and it feels like the parent is looking for my approval. Without actually asking the question, they are wondering, "Am I doing it right?"; "Will my child be harmed because I work?"; or here's what Tommy or I did in response to this situation- "Are we normal?"; It seems that our ideas of good parenting are shaped by many different influences. Of course, our parents' ideas of parenting shape our own but things were so different when we were children that it is hard to compare. Men were expected to be as involved, if they were involved at all and fewer women were in the workforce. Society shapes our ideas of what is expected now but messages may be mixed depending on one's social or economic surroundings. At times, especially with middle class families, parenting feels like a competition. My child got into this school or plays this sport competitively or is in these extracurricular activities. Grades and test scores become public knowledge and at times feel more like a reflection of the parents' performance than the child. The above discussion doesn't even address yet another complication. The parent who was poorly parented and knows they want to do things differently but does not have a close role model. How does one know the best way to parent? Assuming that there are no problems with physical, verbal or sexual abuse and your child is safe, here are some guidelines to assure a parent that they are doing it right. 1. There is no RIGHT way to do it. All parents do the best they can given their own stage of development. 2. There is no PERFECT parent, nor should a parent try to be perfect. In fact, according to researcher D.W. Winnicott, it is imperative that we fail our children at times so that they develop resilience and skills to take care of themselves in the real world. 3. What is important, according to Winnicott is that we be a GOOD ENOUGH parent. This means meeting the needs of the child enough so that they understand that in general, the world is a reliable place and that others can be trusted. 4. This goal can be accomplished whether you work or stay home. A parent who is dissatisfied with their own situation will project this dissatisfaction on to their children and won't be as emotionally available. 5. Be intentional about the values that you want to pass along to your children and model them in your life. 6. Provide firm and consistent discipline. Children need their parents to be parents and not permissive friends. Be open to other's ways of parenting and recognize that there is no one way of doing it. Follow your intuition and do the best you can.

The rules do change a bit with a teenager but the basics remain the same. For some insight in dealing with the surliness of the teenager along with some humor, read: *Get Out of My Life*, but first could you drive me and Cheryl to the mall? By Anthony E. Wolf, PhD. It provides an overview of adolescent behavior, which normalizes it and frames it in the realm of developmental tasks. It also does a nice job of identifying the hooks that teenagers consciously and unconsciously use to bait parents. It reminds parents of what they can and cannot control in their teens lives. When I first read this book, I

thought the examples were extreme but as my own child grew into the teen years, they became more realistic.