

The Top Ten Unique Traits of The Parents Toolshop

The Parents Toolshop: The Universal Blueprint for Building a Healthy Family book is:

1. **Comprehensive.** Parents usually have to read dozens of books to *find* all the information they need for an effective parenting plan. The author of *The Parents Toolshop* has done all the research for parents, making it a one-stop resource that equals dozens of books combined. This saves parents *years* of research and *hundreds of dollars* on resources.

Of all the books and magazines I've devoured regarding parenting skills, this one put them all to shame. I learned more from this book than I could have learned from one hundred put together. – Debbie Klein

2. **Accurate, instead of fostering myths or giving inaccurate information.** The author spent over ten years researching parenting resources, pulling out only the best, most reliable advice. Parents learn the basics of effective parenting principles so they can recognize inaccurate advice in other resources and avoid falling into common pitfalls that undo our efforts or start new problems. (Sign up for a *F*R*E*E* e-course and get a *BONUS REPORT* called “Parenting Myths & Truths” go to: <http://www.parentstoolshop.com/7ecourse/>)

I'm really excited about sharing this information with other parents at my church. Your ideas are consistent with other resources I'm familiar with, but there are some things in their books I disagree with and I get so frustrated picking and choosing and screening them. It is so nice to finally find a resource that has done that for me. I can completely trust that it is comprehensive and accurate. – Marla Hurst, parent, Adult Education teacher

3. **Organized, instead of randomly presenting helpful ideas.** *The Parent's Toolshop®* (and other Universal Blueprint™ resources) teaches a logical step-by-step plan for choosing the most helpful response to *any* situation and presenting it effectively. This helps parents organize what they've learned into a useful format they can easily remember and use. When a crisis strikes, it can take just a matter of *seconds* for parents to respond effectively.

I especially like the Universal Blueprint™ formula. It gives me a tangible, visual way to organize all that I learned and use the 'tools' to their full potential. My professional training uses similar teaching methods, so it's great to learn about parenting using the same process. Parenting is never easy, but this book makes it easy to understand. – Mike Lowery

4. **Universally applicable, instead of discussing only one topic, skill, developmental stage, or type of relationship.** The Universal Blueprint™ “Parenting-Success Formula” and its tools are useful in *any* relationship — with children of any age and even in adult relationships. Parents report that the more they use the skills in *all* their relationships, the more their relationships improve, in every area of their lives!

As a parent, educator and program administrator, I have found the tools I learned from Parent's Toolshop beneficial in all interpersonal situations. Parent's Toolshop is certainly an excellent program for developing parenting skills but it also provides solid strategies useful in management, supervision and even marriage! -- Lynn Stephens, Chief Operations Officer, Okaloosa-Walton Child Care Services, A Resource and Referral Agency, Certified Parent's Toolshop Tour Guide, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida

5. **Practical, not just philosophical.** *The Parent's Toolshop®* (and other Universal Blueprint™ resources) teaches the special language and actions of effective parenting and gives dozens of examples of applications for all ages and hundreds of real-life challenges.
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This book is dynamite! It is packed with tons of practical ideas. As a parent, I keep it by my bedside and also recommend it to the parents with whom I work. -- Dr. Dennis O'Grady, founder of New Insights Consulting Services and author of Taking the Fear out of Changing

6. **Offering positive solutions, instead of focusing on what not to do.** *The Parent's Toolshop®* (and other Universal Blueprint™ resources) tells parents what they *can* do and offers many choices within healthy limits. Parents feel empowered and confident about solving problems, because if one tool doesn't work, they have plenty more from which to choose.
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I like The Parent's Toolshop because it focuses more on the positive aspects of parent-child interaction as opposed to discipline and punishment; also because it is practical in its approach rather than theoretical. In addition, there are a lot of devices for remember the proper steps to take, so parents can really make the method "theirs." -- Bryelle Broome, LSW, LPC, Parent Involvement Coordinator, DPS Head Start Program

7. **Effective.** Step by step, *The Parent's Toolshop®* (and other Universal Blueprint™ resources) explains *why*, *when*, and *how* to use each tool to its full potential while avoiding common misuses or abuses of effective skills. "Effective" parents have fewer problems, enjoy their children more, enjoy being a parent and develop deeper relationships with their children.
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I learned not only what the tools are, but how and when to use them. Anyone who's interested in being a better parent can benefit from Jody's classes and resources. She is an inspiration to me and helped me become the parent I wish I had. -- Lynn Ervin-Dale

8. **Consistently reliable.** Every tool in *The Parent's Toolshop®* (and other Universal Blueprint™ resources) has been carefully selected, is consistent in philosophy, has been tested and proven effective, and can be cross-referenced with reliable parenting resources that have stood the test of time.
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Jody's comprehensive book and advice are built on a solid foundation of research and real-life application. I highly recommend The Parent's Toolshop to any parent who wants to dramatically improve their relationship with their child. -- Deborah Critzer, Positive Parenting

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9. **The Parent's Toolshop® produces positive long-term results**, instead of proposing quick-fix methods that backfire later or have unhealthy long-term results. It's always much harder to undo bad habits than to prevent them in the first place. The teachings in *The Parent's Toolshop®* (and other Universal Blueprint™ resources) have been proven effective for more than four decades, so you *know* you'll get the results you want.
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"In the late 60's, I taught P.E.T. for several years and then taught S.T.E.P. for another fifteen years. If The Parent's Toolshop had been around back then, I would have definitely chosen it above those other curricula. I like the way the toolsets are put together and the whole process of putting it into categories. The logical sequence makes it so easy to use. I am so impressed with this program, I am requiring all of our therapists to take the training. I also want several of them to become certified Toolshop Tour Guides, so we can provide this valuable program. I plan to keep several copies of the book in the office, so we can provide them to the parents we serve." – Millie McCarty, M.A., L.P.C., President & Executive Director, Lighthouse Counseling Inc.

10. **The Parent's Toolshop® guarantees results!** Anyone who reads all of *The Parents Toolshop* book and consistently uses the Universal Blueprint™ Parenting Success Formula and its tools *will* improve their parenting skills — guaranteed.

In 10 years of field test with 1295 parents:

- 77% (or 992 parents) attended a 16-hour class and completed an outcome-focused pre/post skill assessment.
- 83% of these 992 parents (or 823 parents) graduated from the 8-week program.
- 99.87% of those graduates (or 822 of 823 parents) improved their parenting skills.
- On a scale of 11 points, the average improvement in skills was 2.40 points, from below the midpoint (5.41) to the "more skillful" range (7.81).
- Nearly 20% scored in the highest skill range possible!

In participant evaluations:

- 83% rated the program "excellent," 100% rated it "good" or "excellent"
- 96% said they learned new information
- 100% said they would recommend the program to others.

(To see more detailed results, go to: <http://www.parentstoolshop.com/HTML/ftresults.htm>)

And the Results LAST!

Now that my son is almost eighteen and I see what a wonderful young man he is, I realize parenting is not all "luck." I truly believe that 90% is because of the concepts I learned from you, when he was only three — and I'll be forever grateful to you for that. I had no role model for parenting to look back on. I learned healthy parenting from YOU, and it's given me the most valuable thing in my life, a healthy, close relationship with my son. – Eva Polichany