

There is no single factor more radical in its potential for healing the world than a transformation in how we raise children.

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## advancing the art and science of nurturing children

## Many of our children—and families—

are in crisis. Every major indicator of children's wellbeing shows that children of all races, backgrounds, and socio-economic classes are experiencing escalating rates of learning and behavioral disorders, drug abuse, chronic illness, depression, violence, and suicide.

The quality of a person's earliest experiences has a major impact on that person's entire life, yet many families are struggling to survive, let alone thrive, in the unprecedented pace and intensity of today's society.

At the core of this crisis is our culture's lack of awareness of the vital importance of a strong and healthy parent-child bond.

The Alliance is dedicated to promoting this essential parent-child connection that all children need to thrive.

# about us

aTLC is a community of individuals and organizations who share a deep and passionate concern for how we conceive, carry, birth, bond with, and care for children. We know that caring for our children as whole, conscious beings has a profound impact on the adults they become; our intuition tells us this and modern science confirms it.

Founded in 1999, the Alliance developed a **Proclamation** and **Blueprint**, detailing evidence-linked Principles and Actions for promoting children's optimal growth and development (download at www.aTLC.org).

Today, the Alliance is comprised of some 100 Affiliates committed to advancing the Principles of the *Blueprint*.

# aTLC is committed to:

- identifying the biological imperatives for developing our children as whole beings physically, emotionally, and spiritually,
- defining the principles and specific actions that arise from these imperatives,
- making this information accessible to parents, caregivers, and policy makers,
- supporting families in implementing best parenting practices, and
- enhancing birthing and parenting practices throughout the world.



What our children need to thrive is what our species needs to survive. aTLC shines a light on what it means to truly cherish the children. JOHN ROBBINS Diet for a New America

## The aTLC WarmLine: A Family Support Network

aTLC is piloting a phone mentoring program, offering parents, parents-to-be, and caregivers support in applying the *aTLC Blueprint* to everyday parenting concerns via a call-in center, ongoing parent mentoring sessions, and teleclasses.

See www.aTLCWarmLine.org or call (800) 460-6105 to make an appointment.

## aTLC Premises

- A healthy parent/child bond, from preconception onward, is essential for effective parenting and a child's optimal physical, emotional, and spiritual development.
  - Parents are doing the best they can, at any given moment, with the information, resources, and support they have.
- Children are doing the best they can—at any given moment—and their challenging behaviors are a way of communicating their need for adult attention, connection, and support.
- Children need a strong connection with their parents; it is never too late for parents to strengthen this connection with their children.

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### Learn more:

- Visit www.atlc.org & www.aTLCWarmLine.org,
- Subscribe to the aTLC eNews for updates,
- Join our email discussion group.

### Try our services/spread the word:

- Call the Warmline: (800) 460-6105,
- Promote the the aTLC Principles,
- Introduce aTLC to others.

## Support aTLC:

- Make a tax-deductible donation at *www. atlc.org/donate,*
- Give a gift certificate/scholarship for a WarmLine Mentoring session,
- Become an aTLC Affiliate.