



PARENTS ARE NOT THE ENEMY

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SHOTS FIRED

- When they show up 30 minutes (or more) for pick up
- When they “meet” with the Sr. Pastor first
- When they email you but CC the Sr. Pastor
- When they ground their child...from youth group
- Parent in Denial
- Helicopter & Snowplow parents

FAILS

- Returned from a trip/event 30 minutes (or more) late
- We don't communicate all the details
- We put students in danger
- We gave bad advice

PARTNER

Your “job” is to partner with parents, not to

Fix their kids


Save their kids

COMMUNICATE

- **Text (Remind)**
- **Social Media**
- **Magnets**
- **Email**
- **Newsletter**
- **Church Communications**

SUPPORT

- **Resources**
- **Be available**
- **Be relational**
- **Pray for them**



“Never give parenting advice to a parent of a teenager, until you have parented a teenager.”

- Doug Fields

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is one new idea/thought to take home?
- Is there anything that you disagree with?
- Which of these is working in your ministry?
- Which needs some work?
- What is one new idea you can implement to better partner with parents in this next season?



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