ADVICE TO PARENTS WITH HIGH-RISK KIDS

(Actual Quotes from Students)

- 1. Make the rules clearer
- 2. Parents should present a united front
- 3. Don't give us everything we want
- 4. Don't do everything for us
- 5. Don't give up on discipline
- 6. Don't allow us to control the boundary lines because we'll keep changing them
- 7. Make reasonable consequences, ones that YOU can keep, then hold to them no matter what
- 8. If you are divorced or not getting along with each other, don't use us as a tennis ball
- 9. Don't discuss the rules with us or ask if we agree with them or like them, we don't but we need them
- 10. Don't lecture for hours, we're not listening anyways
- 11. Don't let us wear you down
- 12. Practice what you teach. If you get drunk or high, we will use it as an excuse to do the same

Parent and Youth Support

- 13. Don't make empty threats
- 14. Don't compromise
- 15. Don't blame our friends, our school or our society for our trouble
- 16. Don't give up on us