

# AskHeartBeat.Com Parenting Survey

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There is nothing like the wisdom of experience and the knowledge of elders! Please share your thoughts and experiences on choosing to have a child or children, and the experience of child rearing. In particular, what knowledge or experiences would you want to share with a teen girl thinking about having a baby by some guy she is not married to? What would you want a potential or actual "baby's momma" or "baby's daddy" to know about having a child or how to properly raise a child at such a young age? I'm looking for the wisdom of actual parents (whether teen or the parents of teen mothers and fathers), to quote in my new book. Please complete the survey below by August 30, 2008.

If you have additional comments that don't fit in the spaces allotted, please attach them on a separate page (if handwritten or typed), or in the "OTHER COMMENTS" box on page three. Your comments may be selected and used in print and/or publication by surveyor and author Deborrah Cooper. Your completion of this survey form and your signature below grants Deborrah Cooper and all other parties associated with the writing, creating, marketing, promotion, publishing and distribution of this book the right to use your comments without further notice, approval or compensation.

**How old were you when you had your first child? By choice or accident? If you had it to do all over again would you still choose to have children? Why or why not?**

**If you could have a "do-over," what would you do differently with regards to the parenting choices you made the second time around?**

**What do you find to be the most challenging thing about being a parent?**

**What aspect of parenting do you find to be the most rewarding?**

**Hindsight is 20/20! Thinking about it now, is there anything your parents, friends, family or educators could have told you about having children and raising them that may have changed your decision to become a parent? What are those things?**

**What do you think is behind the increase in teen pregnancy and birth rates, in spite of the availability of free contraceptives and programs promoting abstinence and safe sex? Where is the breakdown occurring?**

**Please list the 3 things you wish you'd known before having children, or that you learned about parenting the hard way that you'd like to share with young men and women so they don't make the same mistakes you did.**

**#1**

**#2**

**#3**

Other Thoughts or Comments on This Topic You Wish to Share?	

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION				
Name:		Nick Name to Use in Print:		
Your Age:	# of Children:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Single Parent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Email Address for follow-up (please print):				
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Signature:				Date:

Checking this box on the web-based or emailed versions of this survey shall serve as your acknowledgement that you are over the age of eighteen (18); that such a check shall serve as your signature to the release on page one (1); that you are "electronically" executing the document; and that you are in full agreement with its terms and conditions.

**Note:** No personally identifying information will be used in printed materials, which is why we suggest selection of a "nick-name" such as "Smarter & Wiser" or "Former Wild Child" or "Big Daddy" or "Knowledge at 27." We've requested an email address and/or telephone number solely for follow-up purposes in the event we need clarification or additional information about your written statements.

Please forward completed survey **by August 30 2008** to Deborah Cooper in one of three ways:

- attach the document to an email and send it to [promotions@askheartbeat.com](mailto:promotions@askheartbeat.com);
- complete the form online or by hand and fax it to 1-510-868-1942;
- complete the form online, print it out, and snail-mail to: AskHeartbeat.Com Parenting Survey - 1478 MacArthur Blvd #201, Oakland CA 94602; or
- Log onto [http://www.media-guest.com/parenting\\_survey.html](http://www.media-guest.com/parenting_survey.html) to utilize the web-based version of the survey to complete and submit your comments online.