For teachers, teacher’s aides, parent educators, family and youth service workers, and anyone who works with caregivers of children birth-to-eighteen.

Below is a list of some of the parenting topics most directly related to the needs of today’s parenting professionals and most often requested by them. IPDP participants use these lessons to help the families they serve develop the skills they need to create a nurturing home.

1. **Language of Love (LOL):** Effective communication is a topic of immense importance between parent and child, as well as in other relationships. Techniques on how to speak so children hear what you’re saying, and how to listen so they feel that they’ve been heard, are one of several topics covered.

2. **Helping children learn to make choices and decisions:** Abstract thinking – a priceless skill that needs to be taught, learned, and practiced.

3. **Parental power or parental influence?** How do they differ, and what difference do they make?

4. **All about punishment and reward:** What are they, really, and how do they work? What is their role in parenting? Why are they both to be avoided as much as possible?
5. **Getting along with others**: How important is it for a child's future? What does it really affect? Bullying: causes and prevention.


7. **How to be an advocate for a child**: Effective ways to work with schools and community programs to ensure the success of your child.

8. **Being an "older" parent -- what does it mean?** The many benefits to children of having mature parents.

9. **Technology and a children's future**: How do technological advances affect how children need to be prepared for their futures? How do they influence the types of preparation children must undergo to succeed in the world in which they live?

10. **Truancy prevention and intervention**: What are the warning signs? What are the causes? How to stop it. How to open up the lines of communication with your child.

11. **Strategies to ensure your child's school success**: Five simple things any parent can do that will make all the difference.

12. **Parenting by consequences**: The most practical and effective system ever developed to help children become caring, responsible adults, who respect themselves, others, and especially you!

13. **Reclaiming parenting**: Being a good parent and being the kind of parent you want to be.

14. **Fathers**: Present and absent, then and now-- their impact on children’s lives.

15. **Self-esteem**: What it really means, why it really matters, and how you can ensure it for your children.

16. **The relationship of the parent educator and parent**: Defining roles and understanding how adults best learn is the key to results-driven training. Do parents know their role in learning? Do you, the educator?

17. **Stages of parenting and child development**: Parenthood is complex and diverse. As children grow and change, so do parents. How does parental growth correlate with that of their growing child?