

# Parental Roles

When biological parents are not able to take on the traditional responsibilities of parenting, there are a number of roles they can assume that match their abilities, and allow them to maintain a positive connection with their children. Biological parents do not have to stay in one role instead they can change roles as their capabilities dictate.



## Supervisor

Responsible for the emotional and physical welfare of child by making appropriate decisions and providing adequate attention, limits, and boundaries.

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## Contact Person

Maintains contact with the child in order to provide a parental connection -- ie phone calls, email, letters, and photos.

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## Disciplinarian

Involved in deciding limits, structure and consequences for the child's behavior. Teaches values, morals, expectations, responsibilities and appropriate behaviors.

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## Provider/Protector

Responsible for the total care and well-being of their child by providing or accessing food, shelter, protection, medical, educational and spiritual resources necessary to parent a child.

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## Supportive Friend

Provides positive and supportive feedback to the child around activities and event's in the child's life.

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## Advisor/Problem Solver

Provides advice, recommendations, opinions and alternatives the child might use in solving problems or making decisions and choices.

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## Brainstorming Confident

Listens to the child's situations or problems, and directs them to sources of information, advice, solutions and answers.

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