



# Parenting in Community

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Casa Verde Commons - a co-housing  
community



# Challenges

- Older kids influencing (negatively) younger kids
- Too many parents/grandparents  
lots of people telling me how to behave
- Not enough multigenerational interaction  
doesn't just happen on its own



# Challenges

continued and continue



- **Behavioral Issue**  
try not to judge
- **Supervision**  
outside and inside the CH  
and a place for teens
- **Safety and Enforcement**  
kids are messy  
respect rules



# COMMUNICATION is the solution



# Ways to improve communication

- Always in person and as quickly as possible (which can be exhausting)
- Assume good intent: try to not judge
- Attend community meals (even if it means preparing another meal at home) and say Thank you to the cook
- Celebrate food diversity; please and no thank you bite
- Encourage kids to sit with adults other than their parents
- Have question cards on table
- As kids get older, encourage a “kids only table” once a week
- Parent Team/Kid’s Team
- Friday night social night (with kid themes occasionally)
- Parent’s Night Out
- Work day: Adult/youth teams