

Parenting and Responsibility: Holding Parents Accountable for Children's Antisocial Practices

E. A. Uwe, P. N. Asuquo and E. E. Ekuri

Department of Educational Foundations, University of Calabar, Calabar, Nigeria

E-mail: ekauwe2002@yahoo.com

KEYWORDS Parents. Parenting and Responsibility. Anti-Social Practices

ABSTRACT Proper nurturing of children is the primary responsibility of parents. Parents have inescapable responsibilities when bringing up their children. These responsibilities are automatically conferred on both parents of the child right from the child's birth. They are expected to guide and modify the behaviour of their child to conform with the acceptable behaviours in the society as well as participate in activities aimed at preventing crime or disorder being committed by their children. Ironically, some parents have failed in these roles and functions. They adopt too much permissive and laissez-faire parenting styles that inadvertently make their children vulnerable to anti-social behaviours. This paper focuses on parents as the catalysts for children's behaviour. The rationale for children's anti-social behaviours are highlighted as well as some of the corrupt behaviours parents exhibit. The root causes of these behaviours are brought to the limelight and suggestions proffered for improving the task of parenting.