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Love

Nine Things
Troubled Kids
Need from
Their Parents

YOU

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Things our Children Need

6. A Sense of Control



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6. A Sense of Control - Things our Children Need

- Our children need opportunities to control their own lives and learn the consequences of their actions.
- Our children's experiences of control should match their age and ability. Children benefit little, if at all, from being burdened too young with decisions they shouldn't have to make and can't make well.
- If children abuse the control they have, the consequences they suffer should help teach them to act responsibly.
- Experiences of control give children an edge in life. They help protect children from being taken advantage of by others.
- It's good for children to attribute both their successes and failures to themselves when both are true.