

Building Blocks for Father Involvement Clip

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Building Blocks for Father Involvement [Music]Erle Armstrong: Say Alligator. Bethany: Alligator!Erle Armstrong: My father had some problems and took some problems out on me, my bother and sisters. It was kinda rough! Kinda rough!Justin: Dad can you help me out with this?Erle Armstrong: I never had anyone there to tell me in my football game "you did great I'm proud of you" and I would watch other children and their fathers and I felt something missing. And I was kinda of jealous that they had something that I didn't have. [Music]Erle Armstrong: Can you get over to the next bar good girl!Erle Armstrong: Back in '98, my wife told me I was going to be a father. And I was thinking about it and I don't think anyone ever ready to be a father.Erle Armstrong: You're a good kid!Justin: Thanks dadeo!Erle Armstrong: I love you!Erle Armstrong: But the more I thought about it me being a dad. I was proud I was very proud. And I valve that I would raise my children the best I could. Erle Armstrong: I love you Bethany!Bethany: I love you!Erle Armstrong: Alright guys hit it!Erle Armstrong: I took some work shops through ABCD. I volunteered my time.Erle Armstrong: Ah cookie Erle Armstrong: And I learned how to actually talk to the children. And explained to them if they know what they are doing wrong. I explained to them why it's wrong. And I help them you know to get along with one another.Erle Armstrong: Justin did you hear your sister tell you to stop?Justin: YeahErle Armstrong: What does stop mean?Justin: StopErle Armstrong: Next time she tells you to stop you need to stop!Erle Armstrong: And Bethany you need to stop antagonizing him. Okay!Bethany: Okay!Erle Armstrong: Alright! Go play.Savoui Graham: It is a joy to see the fathers make a change. In their whole mind set in their whole approach to fatherhood. Head Start Worker: A house for who for you or for you're doggy?Child: YouHead Start Worker: You made a house for me? Well thank you that was nice!Erle Armstrong: May I borrow you're knife?Erle Armstrong: I never thought I would be a teacher or even want to be. It's just something I happened upon on to by volunteering. I walked into ABCD a little young kid I can't remember what his name was he stopped me on the way in and ask what what my name was? So I said so I squat down and look at him eye to eye and said I'm Mr Erle. He said you know what Mr Erle it's really good to see you here. And I ask him well why? He say's I haven't seen my dad in a long time. My daddy in and out of jail and it just touched me, it melted it basically melted me. And from that point on I knew that teaching and you know working with the kids was something I want to do. Building Blocks for Father Involvement [Music]--End of Video--

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