



Tip 37 - Being approachable.

As part of The Fathering Projects involvement with your school, I will be including helpful tips and ideas for all fathers and father – figures. I hope these tips will help, inspire and encourage all fathers and father – figures to be the best that they can be, as all fathers and father – figures are critically important in every child’s life.

More involved fathers and father – figures = better outcomes for children.

This weeks Tip aims to inspire and equip stepdads, and we are focusing on being approachable. It is important for you to take the initiative and show your stepchildren unconditional acceptance.

Be flexible when it comes to mannerisms and personal habits, and be a healthy model of someone who cheerfully adapts to your new family members as they are, faults and all.

- Part of being approachable and accessible to stepchildren is knowing that your focus should be on the kids and what they are feeling.
- Negative reactions to stepparents can often be about the child’s losses - often stepparents just happen to be the easy target for a child’s heartache.
- To help your stepchildren see you as someone as someone they can trust, be kind, consistent and responsive to their emotional ups and downs. Take what they say with a grain of salt as they deal with a difficult time of change.

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