

Partner's Parenting Practices and Behavior Reflection Questions

Is my partner aware of what defines abusive behavior? Discuss parenting positive parenting strategies with your partner. Consider getting feedback from your partner on this verse.

Have I ever noticed my child appearing fearful of my partner in a way that is beyond a normal fear of being in trouble?

Does my partner handle discipline in a way that seems overly harsh or angry? Have I been made uncomfortable, nervous, or frightened by my partner's interaction with the children?

When I think about how my partner treats me, how would I feel if my children imitated this relationship in their adult lives?

How does my partner's parenting style affect our relationship and the overall family dynamic? Is there tension or conflict arising from their interactions with our child?

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