

JOB TITLE:

AUNT/UNCLE

JOB PURPOSE:

SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF A RESPONSIBLE ADULT

by

passing on family history; supporting social growth; improving life skills; contributing to a positive environment; providing overnights, outings, and vacations; dining in restaurants; allowing special treats; supporting discipline; keeping safe; supporting parents; spoiling just a little.

1. RELATES FAMILY HISTORY

by

describing family events; looking at photographs, movies, journals, records, and diaries; describing and explaining traditions.

2. SUPPORTS SOCIAL GROWTH

by

providing overnights, outings, and vacations; explaining hobbies and interests; visiting museums and special exhibits; going to the movies; dining out; allowing treats like ice cream and candy.

3. IMPROVES NIECES' AND NEPHEWS' LIFE SKILLS

by

participating in, and conducting, developmental activities; reinforcing a moral code; modeling acceptable behavior; reinforcing coping skills; pointing out appropriate and inappropriate behaviors; promoting curiosity.

4. CONTRIBUTES TO A POSITIVE FAMILY CLIMATE

by

loving unconditionally; keeping in touch; watching for signs of psychological stress; providing comfort; respecting privacy; listening to concerns; offering assistance; pointing out possible problem resolutions; preparing family activities; minimizing depressing thoughts; avoiding conflict; teaching lessons about honesty, empathy, jealousy, self-reliance, cooperation, self-control, competition, sharing, cheerfulness, and kindness; recognizing differences among family members; nurturing self-esteem; maintaining open communication; making time to talk; playing games; expressing interest in nieces' and nephews' activities; finding things to laugh about; giving lots of hugs.

5. SUPPORTS DISCIPLINE

by

acknowledging and enforcing parental guidelines; addressing behaviors

instead of personalities.

6. KEEPS NIECES AND NEPHEWS SAFE

by

following nutrition guidelines; identifying life's threats; monitoring reading and viewing subject matter; eliminating hazards in the home; providing safe transportation.

7. SUPPORTS PARENTS

by

attending nieces' and nephews' births; volunteering time; providing child care; relating personal child development experiences and lessons; offering advice and solutions; getting along with other aunts and uncles, and with grandparents.

8. CONTRIBUTES TO FAMILY

by

welcoming different and new personal dimensions; never giving up; loving always; spoiling just a little.

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