

# You can't PREVENT what you don't know!

### A WESTCHESTER VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES

## Joshua Wayne, Helping Kids Today Become **Successful Young Adults Tomorrow**

**TAKE-AWAYS - INFORMATION - PROMPTS** 

Maintain a "seat" on your child's Board of Directors

A strong relationship is the best (and really only) shot we have to influence our children's behavior when we're not around.

- Intentionally work to keep connections STRONG
- LISTEN rather than LECTURE
- CHOOSE your battles wisely

Focus on things that really matter, not the things that annoy us Remember to use "The Gambler Theory"

Hold'em: What are the things that are "non-negotiable" for you/your family?

**Examples: issues of safety and respect** 

Where are some places you can give your teens autonomy to make Fold'em:

their own choices? Examples: their hair/clothing, their bedroom

Some issues will be straightforward while others may require a careful and intentional approach. Keeping the lines of communication open builds trust and helps maintain your seat on their Board of Directors.

#### Play The Long Game

- Focus on who they will be in 5 years (or 10, or 20...) rather than getting rattled by every bump in the road
- It is natural to want to help and protect, but kids need HEALTHY STRUGGLE in their lives
- This is the only way they can truly build SELF-CONFIDENCE

















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