

## Unit 2 Discussion Board

Here is my summary and response to Joanne M. Friedman's 2007 article, "The Terror Within: Recognizing and Dealing with Violent Tendencies in Children," which is fully cited below.

### **Objective Summary**

Friedman (2007) believes there are a lot of warning signs that lead up to children acting out and showing their emotions the way they do. That no child is just going to suddenly have different moods swings and outlooks on life without giving some type of warning sign. Giving your child the right attention that he or she needs could determine their whole future.

### **My Response**

I agree with most of the points in this article. There are a lot of our youths today who develop problems at a young age due to the fact they are not getting the right attention they need. Everything today is ten times worse than when we were younger. This article is very informative as to the warning signs a parent can look for in a child. We as a society honestly do not pay attention to the warning signs of our youth until it is too late.

The author concludes that treating your child's behavior in a too harsh way or even taking the situation too lightly can bring more damage or harm than expected. As you have probably heard before trying to be your child's friend is not going to cut it. A person has to do what is best for the child, so always make sure you are aware of your child's behavior and don't take your child's different mood changes lightly.

### **My Sentences with Quotations & Paraphrases of Article**

**Direct Quotation:** Friedman (2007) stated, "Once the moment has passed and the immediate danger is no longer present, do not believe that the problem has been solved and all is right with the world" (para. 30).

**Paraphrase:** When it comes to children, once you think a situation has passed, think again. The situation has only died down for the moment, and the problem at hand has still not been solved (Friedman, 2007).

**Direct Quotation:** According to Friedman (2007), "Combine the long term symptoms with the acute behavior changes and the necessity for immediate intervention becomes imperative" (para. 21).

**Paraphrase:** If you add together the listed signs and symptoms, it will be clear when preventive action is necessary (Friedman, 2007).

### **Reference**

Friedman, J. (2007). The terror within: Recognizing and dealing with violent tendencies in children. *Pediatrics for Parents*, 23 (4), from Health Source Consumer database.