Things I Wish My Parents Knew

• Remember that kids go through a lot of pain.
• Kids are confused.
• Parents often think of themselves and not what the kids want.
• Parents don’t ask kids to take messages.
• Parents shouldn’t confuse kids.
• Don’t mislead kids.
• Don’t drink too much, especially when you’re with your kids.
• Don’t use drugs around your family or at all.
• Don’t ask about the other parent’s house.
• Don’t say everything will be alright when you know something is going to happen.
• Don’t put the other parent down.
• Don’t ignore the step-parent – try to get along as best you can.
• Don’t hit kids or abuse them.
• Try to get along with your ex-spouse for the kid’s sake.
• If your kids feel sad or hurt about the divorce, try to help them.
• Show up at your kid’s things, scouts, programs, etc. Don’t miss them because your ex-spouse may be there.
• Listen to your child.
• Parents should care about their kids.
• Don’t make things hard for kids.
• Don’t leave your children alone.
• If you’re mad at your ex-spouse or step-parent, don’t take it out on the children.
• Give kids some privacy.
• It’s okay for kids to like or love their step-parents.
• Real parents, not steps, should be responsible for discipline.
• Parents shouldn’t fight or yell at each other especially in front of the kids.
• Parents should pay their support on time.
• Don’t make kids choose between Mom and Dad!