



a) As a child you have the right to be listened to by people. This helps in expressing feelings and being able to talk to people about problems, allowing you to learn how to talk and express feelings when you are older.

Also as a child you have the right to learn and in doing so there are laws that ~~are~~ make it compulsory for children to attend school, ^(be educated) between the age of 6 and 15 yrs of age. This helps the well being of the child as it allows them the option of ~~is~~ letting them choose what they want to do with their life and also giving them basic education they will need ~~in~~ when they grow up.

b) Department of Community Services (DACS) helps in assisting individuals in their role as a parent or carers, by offering courses that can be undertaken by those becoming a parent or carer. DACS also make sure the children are being looked after properly and will give support to the parents,

cover if they feel ~~this~~ ^{it} is ~~not the case~~ ^{necessary}. They also help the parent/cover find other support networks/groups that can help them improve their parenting/caring skills. If they are unable to do this while the children are around, they will organise care for the child/ren until the parent/cover feels he/she is ready to have the children back in their care again (or in some cases when Does feels it is safe for the child/ren to be returned). Does ~~do~~ provide ~~can~~ counselling services as well to help the parent/cover one on one, with them being able to provide assistance and advice with the care of the child/ren.

c) ^{being} a step parent is one type of social parenting. This type ~~of~~ of parenting may be hard as the children within the family may feel different ways towards you as a parent than what they do to their real parents. This may change over time, but then again may not either.

As a child within this type of family it would be hard



as they may have 4 parents a real mum and dad, and possibly a step mum and dad as well. You may have spent the early years of your life ~~with~~ with both your real parents and then they get separated and re-marry, it would be hard. There would be new rules and possibly ~~two~~ two sets of rules to follow. As a step parent this would be hard as you would have to enforce the same set of rules that their real parents have set and you may not think that some of the rules are fair on you ~~or~~ or the child, but you have to ~~reme~~ remember that they are not your children, but still have to love them as if they were. If you had children of your own and so does your partner, this too can be quite hard at first because you will always have the kids arguing about which children they think the parents like better, this is where you have to assure the children that they will all be loved and treated the same. This is where as parents you need to make compromises about the rules of the house and make sure that each child is shown the same amount of love from both parents as the other children do, if



you buy your own children something you have to be prepared and willing to buy your partners children something aswell, remembering that all children need to be treated the same.

Another thing that you have to remember is that you may get that sometimes children will compare you to their biological parent or may even say, "but your not even my real mum/dad, so why should I have to listen to you?", You will have to be prepared for this and know what to say if it ~~does~~ does happen.