

# Permissive Parenting?

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Advocates for peaceful, nonviolent parenting, those who don't use punishments in disciplining their children, are often derided as "permissive", as if the parenting spectrum stretches between the two. Nothing could be further from the truth. Permissive parenting is as much non-parenting as punishment parenting is. Both neglect the needs of the child in exchange for a quick fix solution, either ignoring the problem or offering an off-the-cuff punishment, either smacking, time-out, or confiscating something valuable to the child.

Here are some more resources on on this false dichotomy:

Attentive Parenting – Ren Allen, Pam Sorooshian, Deb Rossing

Parenting Peacefully – Sandra Dodd

Mindful Parenting – Joyce Fetteroll

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Connection Parenting – Pam Leo

Gentle Guidance – Jan Hunt, Natural Child Project

Peaceful Parenting – Laura Markham

Authentic Parenting – Naomi Aldort

Enjoy Parenting – Scott Noelle

Hand-in-Hand Parenting – Patty Wipfler