

## Parents' Traditional Expectations

As an indigenous people, we claim that our children are our future in leadership and heads of families, as well as our resources for today and the future. It is for this reason, parents are encouraged to acknowledge by nurturing and teaching their children through development with all the necessary knowledge, traits and skills available within a home. It has always been a presumed traditional trait, that such a teaching is inherited and instilled in grandparents, parents and immediate relatives alike, so that they are considered and assumed comprehensively aware as child raisers and teachers of children in Nihookáá' Dine'é. As a presumption and an outlook on life, parents and grandparents in their teachings' always refer to outcomes in such ways as; "Haleedí bee ánt'íídóó bee ánt'éigo na'nitin dóó íhoo'aah bee ádiihwiyi'nííł, háálá náasdi bee nihidááh níídááł dóó índa bee hinináadoo, índa áadi na'áłchíní léi' hazlǫ́'go bee biih náahwiyi'nííł dooleeł." / "Take the opportunity to learn all you can, for you will have accomplished what we expected of you and come back to live a life accordingly; to raise a family, teach and instill in them the same kind of teachings' likewise."