

what we heard about people love about parenting

Unconditional love

- The whole thing, the unconditional love and the love my child has for me. The love and care my kids show for others.
- I love all the laughter and silliness having children brings, I love the cuddles and being able to comfort my children and those in my care. The generous meaningful hugs. When my child gets excited to see me.
- It's everything even the midnight jump into my bed.
- When they start helping me, like when they puts weeds into the bucket.
- Everything, sometimes we feel like crying, sometimes happy. Everything is a memory.

Responsive caregiving

- I like looking after the kids, having them around me 24/7, seeing my children happy, growing, from baby to older, loving life, being respectful, achieving their goals, learning new things.
- It's a blessing to be a parent, watching my child grow, being there when he needs me, spending as time with him.
- Being with the kids and grandchildren, going out together.
- The time and memories, seeing them do new things everyday really makes me know I am doing good things.

Being our children's first teachers

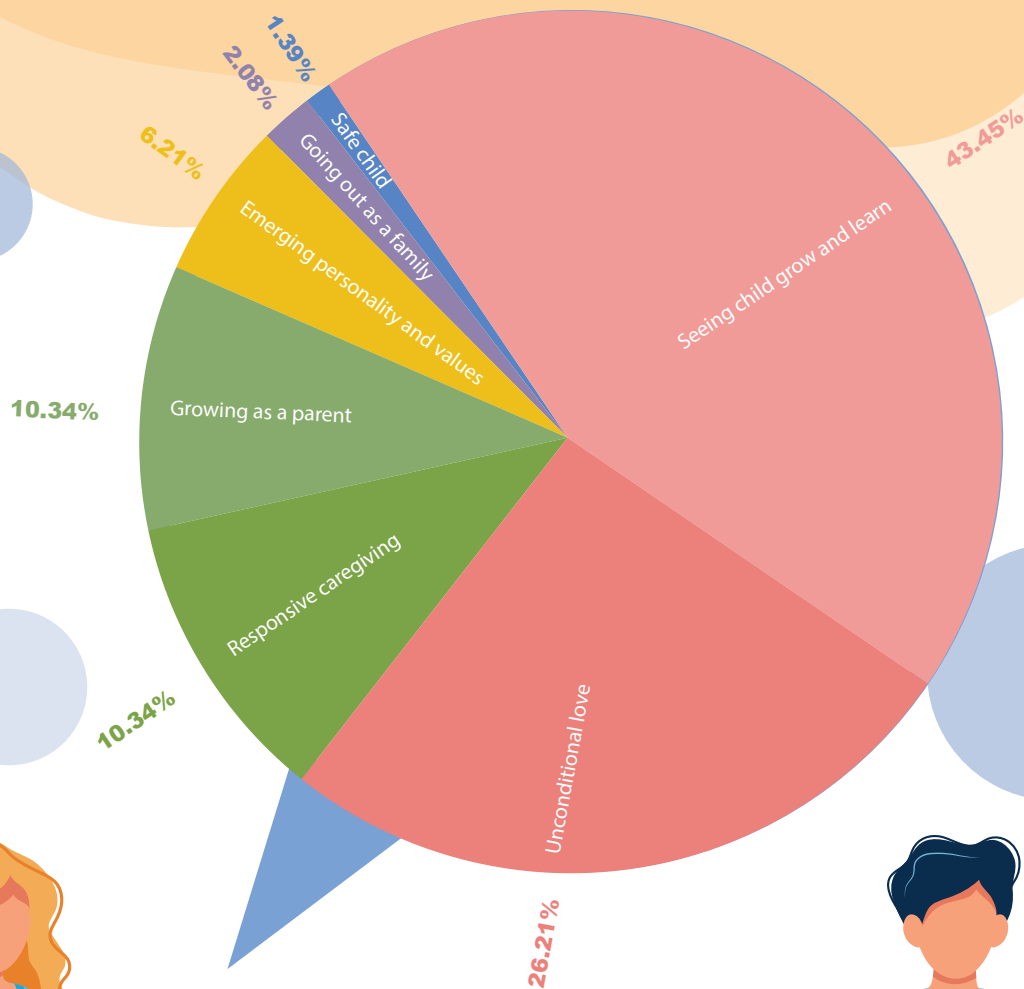
- Being able to teach my children skills that will last them a lifetime, teaching them independence, teaching them to be part of the community.
- The different things they come up with, being creative, exploring. Their little sponge brains are so amazing!
- Seeing children growing and developing, getting personalities and the joy and wonder of being children. I love our adventures.
- Spending time with my children doing focused activities- Playgroup, Storytime at the library, visiting nature spaces etc.
- Seeing children growing and developing, getting personalities, their sense of humour, and the joy and wonder of being children, and seeing the world through young eyes.

Growth as a parent

- Being a parent changes you – You are tired more, I'm more sensible, grounded and responsible, and I procrastinate less so I can spend more time with them. You learn patience. Learn and grow with them.
- I love the adult friendships I've gained through having children.
- Giving my all to the health and development of my children.



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CONVERSATIONS -
PEOPLE WHO CARE FOR CHILDREN
AGED 0-8 YEARS



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