

## Don't Blame it on the Teen Years, *It's Abuse!*

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A 12 year old naturally loves to learn, read, explore, play. Has friends, likes school and after-school and weekend activities, all that build brain development

## But when the biological father moves into the home:

- All he wants is for the child to be confined to her room
- She liked staying the night with a friend "No you cannot"
- She liked taking piano lessons "No you have to get all A's in school"
- She liked riding lessons "No you have to read"
- She wanted a treehouse "No you are not a baby"
- She wanted to stay in Girl Scouts "No you have to study"
- She wanted to have slumber parties "No we can't be responsible for other kids"
- She liked to go to the bookstore to read "No you have to be home"
- She wanted to see city hall meetings for school "No you have schoolwork"
- "You have to study, study, study"
- "Go to your room, here is a movie"

So when grades suffer, interest in learning stops, don't be surprised when depression sets in and acting-out happens.

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The happy

dad is just a mask













