Child Development I

Unit 1 Examining Parenthood

Instructional Strategy 1-Preparing for Parenthood Introduction

Complete the attached chart by discussing each of the factors listed in relation to different stages of life given on the chart.

Knowledge about parenting

Goals and values for self and image

Impact of careers

Impact on finances

Stability of relationship

Acting with responsibility

Acceptance of lifestyle changes

Emotional maturity for parenting (putting needs/wants of child before own)

Social life

Habits (health, work, personal)

Housing

Health

Age

Myths about Parenthood and Children

Can cure loneliness and baby will show love to me

Will save troubled marriage or relationship

Babies don't cost much

Children are always cute and lovable

Factors to Consider When Deciding to Have a Baby

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| Age | Pros | Cons |
| Less than 18 |  |  |
| 18-22 |  |  |
| 23-29 |  |  |
| 30-40 |  |  |
| Over 40 |  |  |