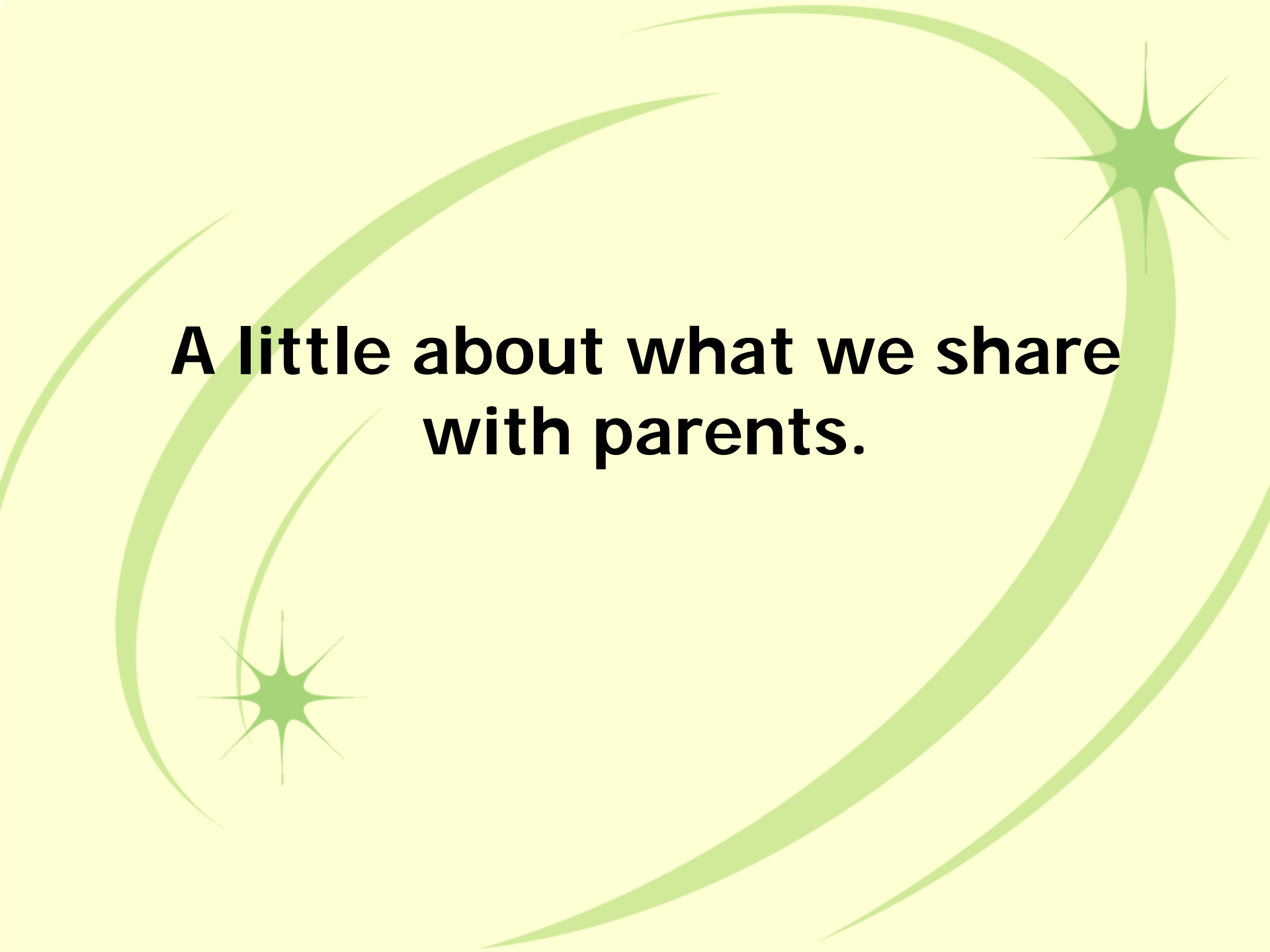




Empowering Parents: A Guide for Success

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**A little about what we share
with parents.**

Parent Involvement at the College Level

- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)
 - Protects the privacy of a student's educational records
 - Includes grades, student accounting files, financial aid, discipline files, etc.
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
 - Protects a student's health information

Parental Involvement


- What is the appropriate level of involvement?
- Questions to ask to help gauge your involvement:
 - What role did you play in your student's decision to attend UNT?
 - What role did you play in the completion of your child's college applications/essays?
 - What role do you plan to play in your child's academic future at UNT?

Tips for Parents

- Allow the student to make the first call.
 - Be careful about calling to often.
- During first couple of weeks, make sure you are hearing as much or more about classes than their social life/friends.
- Don't always expect your student to be available.
- Listen! Be a mentor or coach.
 - Is the student asking for help or just venting?
 - Allow students to advocate for themselves.

Tips for Parents

- Think about what you want your relationship with your student to look like now and also 4 years later?
 - According to a 2008 survey conducted by CollegeGrad.com, 77% of graduates moved back home with their parents after graduation.
 - 73% in 2007
 - 67% in 2006
 - Graduates don't experience the stigma or obstacles to returning home like previous generations because of their relationships with parents.

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Tips for Advisors

- Be understanding
 - Generally, intrusiveness stems from a lack of information/understanding or inaccurate information.
- Provide rationale for why you do what you do
- Don't use "letting go" terminology
- Have your area set limits and be consistent
- Provide as much information upfront to parents as possible.

Tips for Advisors

- Reassure parents you have their student's best interests at heart and there is a method to our madness.
- Include student development theory and learning outcomes when possible.

The Parent Programs Office

- Parent Orientation
- Summer Send-Off Parties
- Family Weekend
- Parent Association
- Parent E-mail Database
- Online Parent Chats
- Monthly Newsletters
- Regional Gatherings