#### "The Fabulously Brilliant Flexible and Comprehensive Plan for

# Raising Independent Children

Who Will Be Able to Take Care of Themselves as Adults and Be Able to Have a Family of Their Own"

List by Merrilee Boyack 2005 ~ \* added by Heather Smith 2015

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☐ Press self ☐ Toilet trained ☐ Beginning brush teeth ☐ Pick up toys ☐ Say prayers ☐ Sing Primary Songs*	<ul> <li>□ Dusting</li> <li>□ Load dishwasher</li> <li>□ Empty dishwasher</li> <li>□ Clean sinks</li> <li>□ Run microwave</li> <li>□ Water plants</li> <li>□ Make &amp; answer phone calls</li> <li>□ Get allowance</li> </ul>	YEARS OLD  Mop floor Bake cakes Bake cookies Read scriptures daily Emergency prep Learn first aid Wash car Vacuum interior of car Hammer nails Saw wood
YEARS OLD  Brush teeth  Make bed  Make own breakfast  Make sandwiches  Beginning to clean room  Shine glass tables  Unload dishwasher	YEARS OLD  Wash dishes Floss teeth Clean toilets Pull weeds Savings account Read with comprehension Read the Book of Mormon Scripture Stories *	Cook vegetables Write letters Understands puberty & sex Learn to type* Use e-mail Use internet (filtered!)
5 YEARS OLD  Straighten room Vacuum Empty garbage cans Set table Clear table Make own lunch Memorize phone/address Take shower	YEARS OLD  Grooming nails & hair Get up by himself Team sport or club Personal talent development Clean mirrors Read scriptures daily Care for pet Do hair Begin piano lessons	□ Do own laundry completely □ Set personal goals □ Musical instrument □ Maintain personal journal □ Exercise program □ Clean stove □ Clean oven □ Make several salads □ Basic nutrition □ Plant plants □ Know articles of faith □ Write creative writing □ Write in cursive* □ Wrap presents □ Sew buttons □ Learn to code*

■ Baptism

#### □ Clean refrigerator □ Clean cupboards □ Straighten drawers □ Straighten closets ■ Bake pies ■ Bake bread ■ Make several main dishes Meal planning ■ Mow lawn ■ Use weed-wacker □ Garden maintenance ■ Use a camera □ Learn to crochet □ First aid training ■ Babysitting class □ Plant care □ Receive Faith in God Award\* $12_{\scriptscriptstyle YEARS\,OLD}$ □ Prepare for & receive Youth Temple Recommend\* □ Shop for clothing ■ Basic fashion awareness □ Wardrobe planning □ Ironing □ Develop reading program □ Read newspaper □ Public speaking (Give a Sacrament Meeting Talk\*) □ Index Family History Names\* ■ Weight control habits □ Keep personal calendar ■ Understand basic filing ☐ Read the Book of Mormon □ Priesthood or Young Women's ■ Baptisms for the Dead\* □ Paint interior/exterior house ■ Babysitting ■ Mending □ Clean windows

### ☐ Sew simple items ■ Shopping & sales ■ Bargain hunting □ Party planning ■ Has own recipe files □ Grocery shopping □ Arrange for own haircuts Simple budgeting ☐ Order something on internet Understand & Use Debit Card ☐ Use ATM □ Certify for CPR ■ Learn different dances\* ■ Type without looking ■ Understand prescriptions ■ Learn meat-handling rules ■ Learns etiquette rules ■ Basic interior decorating □ Food storage basics □ Learn about make-up (girls!) ☐ Identify business skill to get □ Teach Lessons for FHE from Preach my Gospel\* ■ Memorize Seminary scriptures ■ Make/keep dentist appt. Make/keep doctor appt. Learn basic civics & politics ■ Sew hems □ Thorough car detailing □ Change flat tire

■ Basics of car operation

□ Clean garage

☐ Structural household repairs

Sell items on the internet

Memorize S.S. number

## ☐ Get driver's license! ☐ Fill car with gas □ Check fluids in car □ Arrange for car insurance ■ Understands credit cards □ Resume preparation Interviewing □ Career planning ■ Household repairs □ Checking account ☐ File tax return ☐ Use cell phone (they pay for it!) ☐ GET A JOB!!! 17 YEARS OLD ☐ Help pay household bills □ Learn interest, debt, securities □ Accompany parent to vote □ Landscape planning □ Assist in purchase of car ■ Deal the auto mechanic □ Receive Young Women Recognition\* □ Receive Eagle Scout\* □ Receive Duty to God Award\* ■ Spontaneously quotes scriptures in Sunday School ☐ Stops by to visit parents and offers to help □ Starts buying parents really

expensive gifts

☐ File insurance claim

□ Learn retirement plans

Shall I go on? I love dreaming!