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COMPARING PARENTING TO OTHER CAREERS

For some parents, parenting is their full-time career. Other parents have careers in addition to parenting. Young adults, whether considering parenting as a single- or dual-career option, should compare parenting to other careers. Ask one of your parents to help you complete the chart below.

CAREER:	PARENTING	OTHER
Preparation received before getting a job		
Hours of responsibility		
Place of work		
Salary		
Overtime pay		
Pay raise based on merit		
Sick leave policy		
Professional or personal leave policy		
Retirement plan		
Health or life insurance plans		

1. In terms of responsibilities and preparation for responsibilities, how does parenting compare with other careers?
2. In terms of the benefits listed on this chart, how does parenting compare with other careers?
3. What are some benefits of parenting that are not included in the chart?
4. How can filling out a chart like this be helpful when recognizing the responsibilities of becoming a parent?