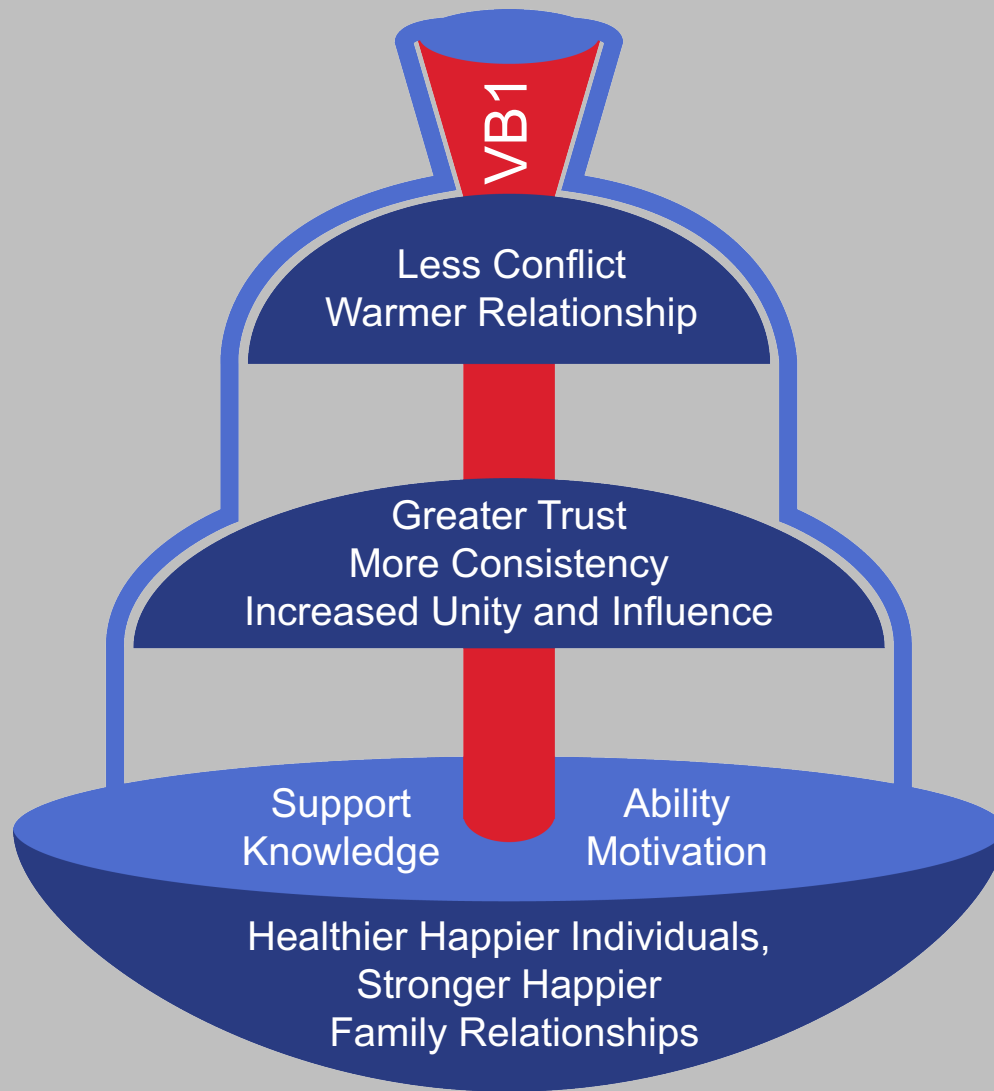
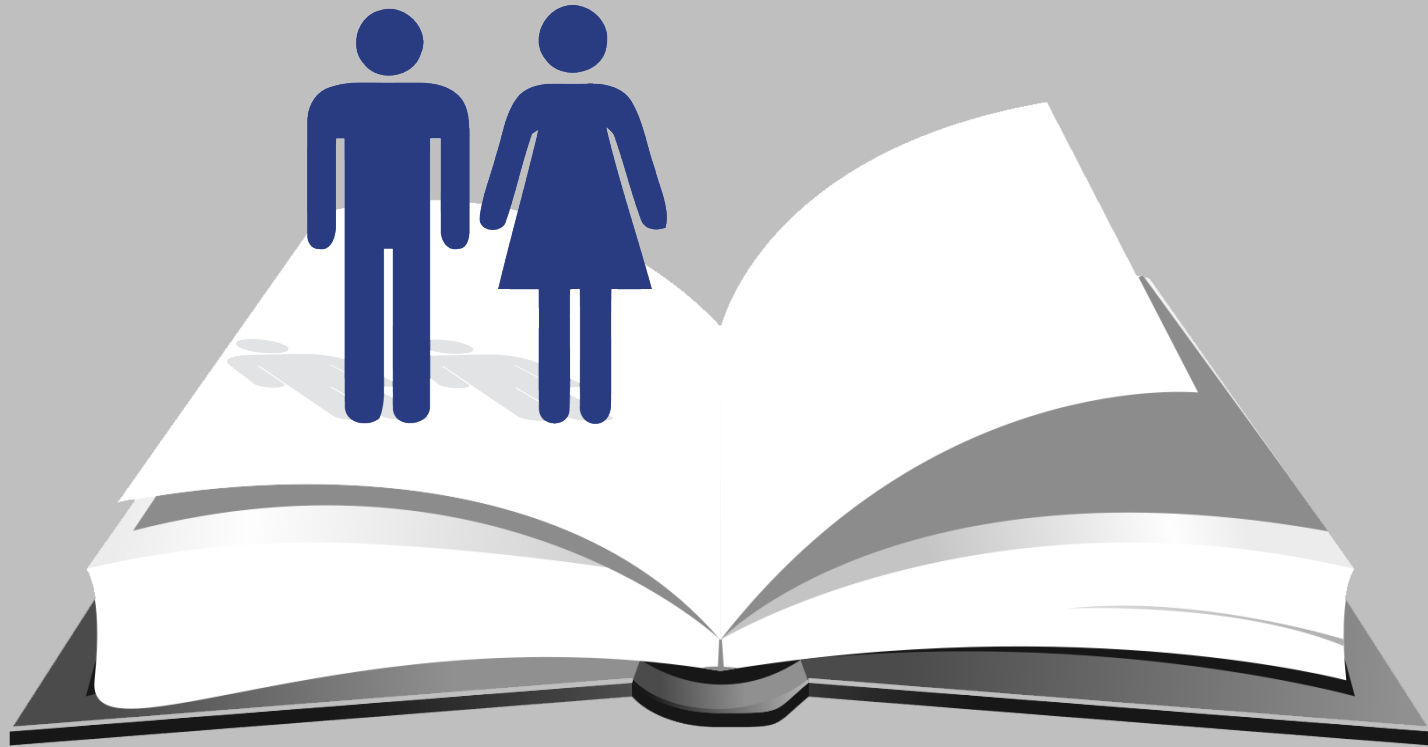


# Parental Unity



# ■ The Cascade Effect for VB#1

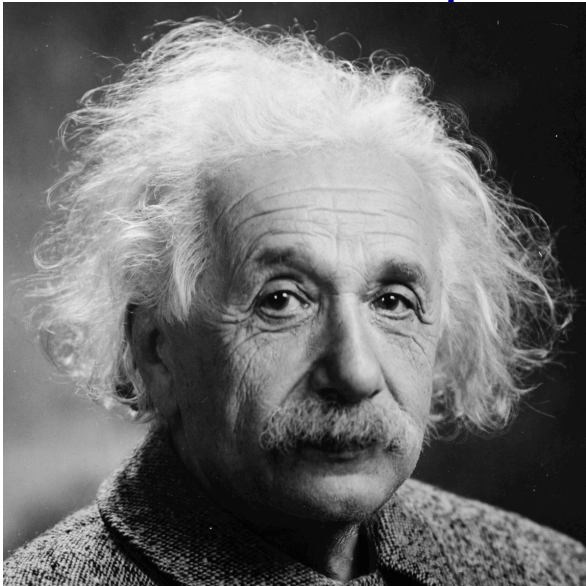


**■ Parental Unity Creates Family  
■ Stability & Strength**

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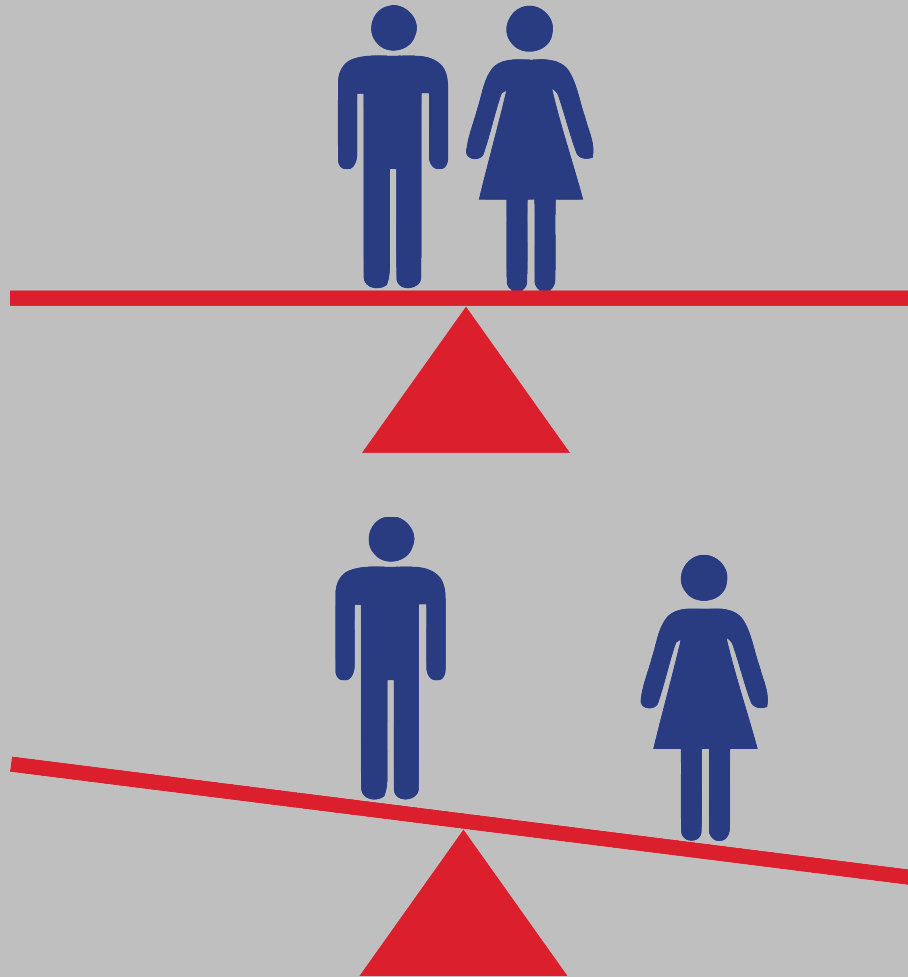


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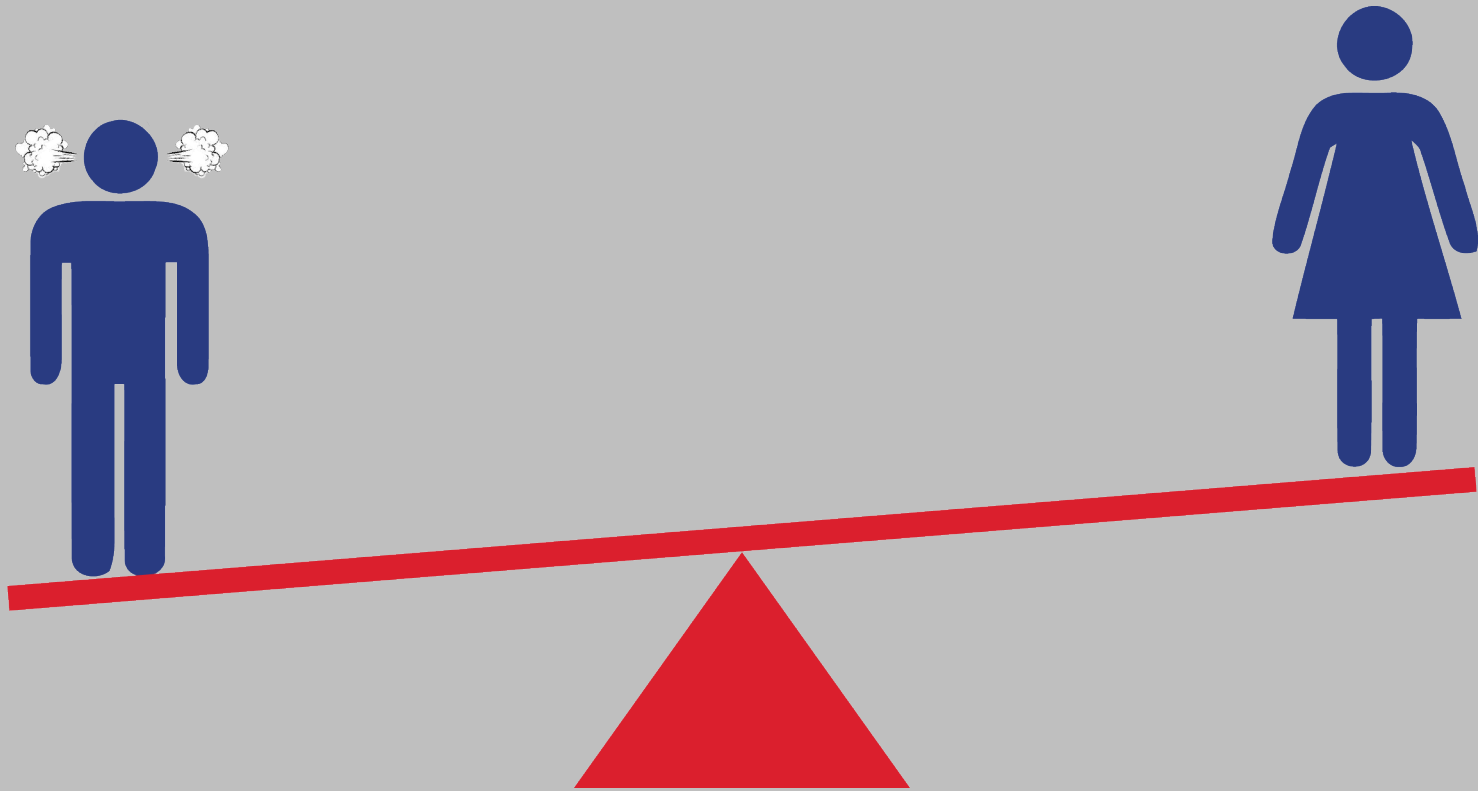


*“Our reality is merely an illusion,  
albeit a very persistent one.”*

*—Albert Einstein*



# Counterbalance



## What Difference Does Anger Make?

Baby  
Crying

Treats

Grades

Friends

Church

# Honest Differences

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# Reasons Teens Manipulate

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- To Get Their Way
- For Love and Affection
- To Cover Their Rear
- To Punish One Parent
- To Feel Powerful
- Because it Works

# ☐ Ways Teens Split Parents

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- Join one parent against the other “*You know how Dad is*” (*triangulation*)
- Go to one and not both parents to ask for something
- Tell half truths of what one parent said or agreed to
- Ask for something when only one parent is available
- Wait until there is a time crunch to ask for an immediate decision

# How Parents Undermine Each Other

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- Throw one parent under the bus *“I would let you, but Mom doesn’t think you should”*
- Criticizing other parent to the child
- Reversal of one parent’s decision
- Being a proponent of the child’s point of view in front of the child
- A host of non-verbals (*rolling eyes, body language sending clear message they don’t agree*)
- Using language like “Figures...”, “Par for the course around here”