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When these parents have these types of intentions and thought processes, the effects on their child only becomes worse. A study was done on new middle schoolers to see what they felt like their parents would be the proudest of them. The options were happiness, success, and kindness to others. The majority of the kids said that their parents would value success over happiness or kindness. The study found that the kids who said happiness and kindness had a higher GPA. There were more negatives than just academically. Rick Nauert states that "much poorer outcomes were seen among children who perceived either mothers or fathers valuing their achievements more highly than they valued being kind to others. These youth experienced more internalizing symptoms such as depression and anxiety, externalizing or acting out behaviors and lower self-esteem, as well as more parental criticism"(Nauert). So, if the parent truly wants what is best for their kid, they should encourage their child and make them believe in themselves. Who knows what somebody can do if they simply believe they can?