

ANDY NELSON – SETTING EXPECTATIONS: PARENTS TRANSCRIPT

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(Peppy music plays while introductory slides show the Institute for Transportation and Iowa Department of Transportation logos and then the video title of “Setting Expectations: Parents”)

[00:06] [Speaker – Andy Nelson, Safer Driver Solutions]:
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After the drive is over with, we want to have communication with the parents about, with those kids, about their drive before we proceed to the next.

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(Brief b-roll video shows an older passenger shaking hands with and praising a younger driver in a parked vehicle)

And, I even take it a step further and say, “Hey, mom, dad, when I communicate with you, these are things you can practice at home. So, we practiced this today, so your son or daughter knows how to do this. Now, go home and practice just that until we see them again.”

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(Brief b-roll video shows a young driver looking carefully before pulling out onto a roadway)

Or, “Work on these things.” I’ll even go so far as to even say, “Mom, Dad, if you really want to learn something with us, you know, maybe we can take some time and you sit in the back seat, and you watch how I instruct your son or daughter.”

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(Brief b-roll video shows a young driver with an older passenger in the front seat and older passenger in the back seat)

Because if they can learn our tone, then it might help them when they teach their son or daughter. We would prefer that we see them at the end of the drive, so we can go over the positives and the needs for improvement.

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(Brief b-roll video shows a young person driving carefully on a residential street)

But if that doesn’t happen, at some point we have to get to that parent and say, “Hey, you know, your son or daughter is just not progressing where we need to be. Are you practicing at home?” If practice isn’t happening at home, then we need to make them aware pretty quick...

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(Brief b-roll video shows a young driver with an older passenger as the passenger talks to the driver while the vehicle is stopped and then transitions to a video of a young person at a computer taking the Iowa Department of Transportation's driver's license practice test online)

...that we've got three more drives, two more drives, and then basically a final exam.

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(Brief b-roll video shows newer vehicles parked at a car dealership)

What we do have to think about is the vehicles they drive at home with mom and dad. They're probably driving much newer stuff than we are. The instructors should be asking some of those questions. "Hey, what are you thinking about your kid driving?" Because a sedan sits on the ground, a pickup truck sits up high, blind spots change, all that kind of stuff.

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(Brief b-roll video shows different newer vehicles parked at a car dealership)

So, making them aware of what they're getting into. And so, if we can volunteer some of that for them, that would be helpful.

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(Video of Andy Nelson fades to black as louder peppy music resumes, while outro slides provide a disclaimer that reads, "This video was developed by the Institute for Transportation (InTrans) at Iowa State University for the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) with the purpose to provide the material for driver education instructors in Iowa. InTrans is responsible for the facts and the accuracy of the information presented herein as of May 1, 2025. Driver education instructors may use the material in its entirety or may use any of the material individually. The material is for educational purposes only. It is strictly prohibited to sell any part of this video. If any of the material is reused, please credit the Iowa DOT. For more information or questions, please contact Vania Boyd, Driver Education and Motorcycle Rider Education Manager, Iowa DOT, Vania.boyd@iowadot.us." and show the Institute for Transportation and Iowa Department of Transportation logos)