

Why Is Healthcare Becoming a Stomping Ground?

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and society as a whole and healthcare specifically are forced to deal with their conduct.

Most of us who grew up in the 50's, 60's, and 70's, grew up with traditional families and most of us had traditional values instilled within us. So what happened in the last 40 years to change the environment so much? That is the million dollar question and it does not have an easy answer. There are complex issues involved in the cultural change and there are too many to list. However, let me suggest four things that have entered into the cultural de-evolution.

- Both parents had to enter the workforce –due to economic issues, or because the woman wants a career.
- The ability to discipline our children has been taken away from us.
- We are all winners.
- Civility has disappeared.

Let's explore each of these items one at a time. Both parents working requires daycare or sitters for 8 hours a day or sometimes more. Daycare is great, but it's not the same disciplinary environment that the child has at home. The rules at the daycare are often completely different from the home. For instance, at the daycare, the child is required to empty his plate at lunch, but at home, the parents allow the child more latitude. This confusing atmosphere gives the child opportunity to question every rule and argue about every chore they are asked to do.

Parents feel guilty about being gone all day and often overindulge the child at night. Confusing rules equals confused child. As confused adults, they come into the healthcare setting and ignore the rules. They assume that the rules will change to

abandoned the simple societal rules of civility. There is no way back. Healthcare workers will continue to be abused in the name of “patient rights” and the professions surrounding healthcare will continue to lose their appeal to the rising generation. And healthcare, as we have come to know it, will continue to de-evolve or cease to exist.