Kids who have great self-esteem are less likely to become involved in risky behaviors. Here are tips to help build your child's self-esteem:

- Give your child lots of praise, love and affection
- Teach children to learn to do things themselves
- Teach them to feel proud about your family history and your culture
- Give them the power to choose
- Help them set realistic goals

Find out more about Child Health through the Kids Health web site, http://www.KidsHealth.org, and type in: "Developing Your Child's Self-Esteem" for the search.

