



Positive Behavior Management Policy

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of behavior management for children.

When children receive positive, non-violent and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop good self-concepts, problem-solving abilities and self-discipline. Based on this belief of how children learn and develop values, the Legacy Center will practice the following positive behavior management policy:

We will:

- Praise, and encourage all children
- Set limits and have age-appropriate expectations for all children
- Role model positive appropriate behaviors for all children
- Modify the environment as needed to foster positive behaviors for all children
- Communicate verbally and non-verbally on each child's level
- Be an active listener for all children
- Provide appropriate choices for children to choose from
- Provide children with natural and logical consequences for their behaviors
- Respect all children's needs, desires, and feelings
- Ask open-ended questions that introduces and encourages critical thinking skills
- Explain all things to children on their level at their eye level
- Use positive reinforcement methods such as redirecting children and refrain from using negative words such as "No", "Don't", "Stop", "Walk a-way",

We will not:

- Spank, shake, bite, pinch, push, pull, slap or otherwise physically punish children
- Make fun of, yell at, threaten, make sarcastic remarks about, use profanity or otherwise verbally abuse children
- Shame or punish children when bathroom accidents occur
- Deny food or rest
- Relate discipline to eating, resting or sleeping
- Place the children in locked rooms, closets or boxes as punishment
- Allow discipline of children by children
- Criticize, make fun of, or otherwise belittle children, parents, families or ethnic groups