



Our Discipline Techniques

The goal of discipline is to teach responsibility and foster a child's emerging inner controls by setting clear limits. We encourage appropriate behavior through behavior modeling, positive language and the teaching of conflict resolution skills.

Discipline techniques include:

- Helping children discuss and resolve conflicts with developmentally appropriate language
- Redirecting children to more developmentally appropriate activities
- Offering choice of area based on behavior
- Under extreme circumstances, asking a child to temporarily leave an area where he/she is consistently having trouble
- Assigning a "companion" to a child that may physically or emotionally harm other children
- Providing parent/teacher conferences to relay and teach intervention methods to parents for any problem that has not been resolved through previous efforts (may sometimes involve parenting assisting with "shadowing" child in school)

The above techniques provide a basic guideline for handling conflicts as well as teaching problem-solving skills. They are fairly standard in any truly child-centered program and, when used regularly with repetition and patience, will offer success.