

The Little Playhouse Family Childcare

Discipline and Guidance Policy

Discipline will be:

1. Individualized and consistent for each child.
2. Appropriate to the child's level of understanding; and
3. Directed toward teaching the child acceptable behavior and self-control.

I will only use positive methods of discipline and guidance that encourage self-esteem, self-control, and self-direction, which include at least the following:

1. Modeling acceptable behavior;
2. Using praise and encouragement of good behavior instead of focusing only upon unacceptable behavior;
3. Redirecting behavior using positive statements; and
4. Using brief supervised separation or time out from group, when appropriate for the child's age and development, which is limited to no more than one minute per year of child's age (this will be done only when child's behavior harms or can potentially harm another child or property).

There will be no harsh, cruel, or unusual treatment of any child. The following types of discipline and guidance **will never** be used at The Little Playhouse Family Childcare:

1. Corporal punishment or threats of corporal punishment
2. Punishment associated with food, naps, or toilet training.
3. Pinching, shaking, or biting a child
4. Hitting a child with a hand or instrument
5. Humiliating, ridiculing, rejecting or yelling at a child
6. Subjecting a child to harsh, abusive, or profane language
7. Requiring a child to remain silent or inactive for inappropriately long periods of time for the child's age.

My signature verifies that I have read and received a copy of this Discipline and Guidance Policy.

Signature

Date

Select one of the Following:

_____ Parent

_____ Caregiver/Employee

_____ Household Member of Childcare Home