

Discipline Policy: Positive Guidance

It is the goal of Surfside Methodist Children's Center (SMCC) to help children become happy, responsible, cooperative participants through positive, non-threatening teaching techniques.

SMCC children are beginning to learn responsibility for their own actions. It is our goal to guide them in continuing respect for themselves. Young children are learning that what they do affects other people. It is our responsibility to give them feedback and help them grow in respecting the rights of others and respect for the environment.

One of our goals of discipline is to help children develop tools to problem solve. In this process of setting and enforcing limits, our teachers assist the children in developing self control and the respect for the rights and property of others. There is NO corporal punishment at SMCC. Guidance and discipline techniques that will be used with the children include:

- *Modeling acceptable behavior.
- *Recognizing each child's individual needs.
- *Structuring the environment and schedules to maximize good behavior.
- *Recognize children's efforts.
- *Anticipating and eliminating potential problems.
- *Redirection.
- *Good timing for teacher intervention.
- *Use for natural and logical consequence.

We try to be aware of each developmental level and tailor all intervention and guidance techniques to meet the child's level and needs.

Child's Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____