Building Positive Behaviors

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Ali'iolani Elementary School Knowing the purpose of a child's behavior allows parents to proactively plan to encourage positive behavior and avoid misbehavior

10 Possible Reasons Behind Behavior

1. Unmet Needs (i.e. feeling tired, hungry, or ill) 2. Attention **3.** Avoidance 4. Testing Limits 5. Independence 6. Copying Others 7. Lack Skills/Lack Control of Emotions 8. Misbehavior is Effective 9. Power and Control 10. Underlying Health Issues (i.e. ADHD)

INVEST in 10-15 MINUTES of 1on-1 TIME DAILY

To be able to sow

positive into your

children, you

must first establish

love and respect



Focus on giving 10-15 minutes of positive attention • Let children share uninterrupted • Ask questions and be genuinely interested

Work on building an emotional connection

- Help children talk about their emotions
- Acknowledge their feelings
- Remain calm over reacting can cause them to pull back

GET SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP

9 – 12 hours every 24 hour period for children aged 6 to 12 years old



The CDC endorses this recommendation by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine

Calculate bedtime by counting backwards

If wake-up time is 6:30 a.m., count backwards 10 hours



Bedtime should be no later than 8:30 p.m.



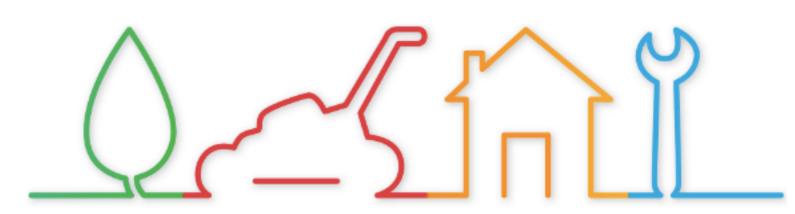
ESTABLISH ROUTINES

For mornings, afterschool, mealtimes and bedtime

Allow your child to have input when creating your routines so there is ownership and agreement



Stick to the routines so the routines become the rule

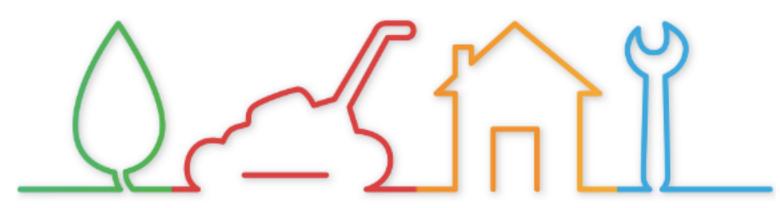




HAVE EVERYONE PITCH IN TO RUN THE HOUSEHOLD



Teach children that family members need to make contributions and they have a role in your home running smoothly



Everyone doing their part creates a sense of cooperation and empowers young ones to feel capable



When assigning responsibilities:

Determine

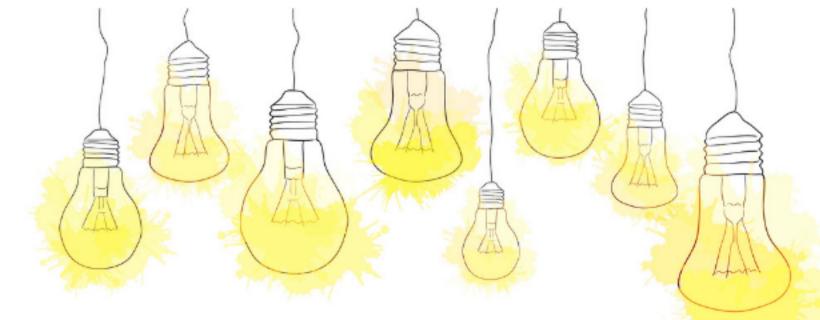
consequences





Follow through with consequences if responsibilities are not carried out Holding children accountable will help prevent power struggles in which children are often trying to avoid following through on what they are expected to do

ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO BE PROBLEM SOLVERS



Consider providing guiding questions rather than solutions

Help them learn to self-advocate

As children are successful at solving problems, it helps raise their self-esteem and be more self-directed











CONTROL THE SOURCES OF THE INPUT THEY





ARE GETTING

(Focus on human interactions)









Conversation

Studies have shown that, "By far, the biggest driver for brain development was not the number of words spoken but the conversations." Conversation is talking *with* your child, not talking *at* your child.

> Research clearly shows that as the number of conversational turns increases, so does a child's Verbal Ability Score

Reading



Reading aloud to your child helps develop visualization, language and listening skills Reading aloud and talking about what was read will help increase your child's reading comprehension and also increase the positive interaction between parent and child.



-Anissa Trisdianty

LIMIT SCREEN TIME



Recent scientific studies are suggesting that high screen time is resulting in lower levels of language and literacy skills.



CHILDREN WHO HAD HIGH LEVELS OF SCREEN TIME



Had brain scans with lower levels of "white matter integrity" which is thought off the brain's internal communication network.



LESS SCREEN TIME AND MORE FAMILY TIME

Regardless of what studies say, families will likely get closer when they spend time interacting together and off of their devices.





In Summary:

- 1. Spend 10-15 minutes/day connecting with your child
- 1. Make sure they get enough sleep
- 2. Establish routines
- 3. Everyone pitches in
- 4. Encourage problem solving
- 5. Control sources of input
- 6. Limit screen time

Thank you! Q& A will be held after the 2nd session