

KIDLIFE PRESCHOOL  
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**Discipline Practices and Procedures**

The goal of discipline is to help children understand the rationale of behaving in specific ways.

We understand this to be an on-going task that will consume much of our attention. We also understand the importance of being realistic in our expectation of a child's age related behavior. At all times in our facility, a child's developmental age will be taken into consideration.

To meet these requirements, the following practices and procedures will be adhered to regarding discipline of children in our KIDLIFE PRESCHOOL facility:

1. Spanking a child or any other form of physical punishment by a staff member of this facility is prohibited.
2. Discipline shall not be associated with food, rest, or toileting.
3. No discipline shall be administered which is severe, humiliating, or frightening.
4. Children shall be allowed choices in age appropriate activities, equipment, and materials, giving him/her some control over his/her environment so that conflict can be avoided.
5. Children shall be given help in the development of language skills which will help them resolve conflicts with words and not with inappropriate behaviors such as biting, hitting, kicking, etc.

If a child experiences difficulty in controlling his/her behavior then:

1. He/she may be directed to another play area for redirection which may help prevent escalation of the problem. The teacher will also help the child with making better choices and assist child with understanding the classroom boundaries and guidelines.
2. If a problem still exists, the child must be removed from the play area and given time away from the group to regain control. Guidelines for this "time out" period are:
  - A. First offense – "time out" (1 minute per year old) in the classroom.
  - B. Second offense – Child will visit the office to discuss the situation with Preschool Director.
  - C. Third offense – Parent is called to speak with the child or asked to come to the preschool to provide discipline for the child, this may also require a parent to retrieve child for early pick-up.
3. If continued unacceptable behavior occurs, the parent will be asked to attend a conference with the daycare supervisor to discuss possible remedies. KIDLIFE has the right to dismiss a child if the situation cannot be resolved peacefully.

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Date	Father/Guardian	Date	Mother/Guardian
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This form must be signed by both parents/guardians (as applicable) and returned to the office with your other pertinent registration packet forms.