

Discipline Policy

Discipline is derived from the word *disciple* meaning "to teach". Therefore, at Living Waters Preschool and Childcare Center, we do not think of discipline as punishment, but rather as teaching self-control and Christian attitudes. Our attention will focus on the problem and not the child. No one will be allowed to strike a child. No one will be allowed to humiliate or frighten a child. No one will use denial of food or necessary activities as a punishment or to manipulate a child.

We will try to anticipate problems and redirect children's activities. We will narrow choices if necessary. Positive words will be used to encourage positive behavior. We will encourage children to use words to express themselves.

If a child is exhibiting an inappropriate behavior, we will tell the child that they need to stop, explain why the behavior is unacceptable and offer reasonable alternatives. Logical and natural consequences as well as time out (a temporary loss of privileges) may be used as a reasonable alternative.

If the child is repeating bad behavior, the parents will be consulted. The child may possibly be suspended for a period of time at the directors' discretion. If the poor behavior persists, the child will be dismissed from the program with the agreement of the Board of Directors.