



CHILD DISCIPLINE POLICY GUIDELINE

This is a guide to use in the development of a child discipline policy that shall illustrate a specific strategy the provider will follow. A copy of the discipline policy should be attached.

Age appropriate, individual, and constructive disciplinary practices shall be used for each child in care in order to reinforce a more appropriate behavior. The written discipline policy required under Rules 65C-22.001(8) and 65C-22.008(n), 65C-20.010(6) Florida Administrative Code, shall also include standards that prohibit children from being subjected to any method or practice of discipline or punishment that is cruel, harsh, or unusual, including, but not be limited to, the following:

- Children shall not be subjected to discipline that is severe, humiliating or frightening.
- Children shall not be directed or permitted to discipline other children.
- Children shall not be confined in any form of physical restraints, equipment, devices, or furniture, including, but not limited to, swings, walkers, and spinners.
- Children shall not be punished for failure to eat, sleep, or toileting accidents.
- Children shall not be confined in enclosed areas, including, but not limited to, a closets, locked rooms, boxes, or bathrooms.
- Children shall not be subjected to profane language, physical or verbal threats, derogatory remarks, or any other form of verbal abuse.
- Children shall not be subjected to any form of physical punishment, including, but not limited to, spanking, hitting, striking, biting, or pinching.
- Children shall not be punished by with-holding food, rest, or use of the toilet.
- Children shall not be prohibited from participating, or required to participate in, any physical activity as a method of punishment.

Staff Signature: _____

Date: _____