

## Discipline Policy Statement

Here at Little Leaders Childcare Center we believe in positive reinforcement for children. Reinforcements that help develop good self-concepts, problem solving abilities, and self-discipline. We use the following techniques to practice behavior management:

- Communicate to children using positive statements
- Talk with children in a calm manner.
- Explain unacceptable behavior to children
- Praise and encourage the children
- Set appropriate limits for the children
- Apply rules
- Model appropriate behavior
- Redirect children to acceptable activity
- Give children the opportunity to practice problem solving skills
- Help children talk out problems and think of solutions

### THINGS WE DO NOT PRACTICE:

Inflict corporal punishment towards a child (Corporal punishment is defined as the use of physical force to the body as a discipline measure. Physical force like but is not limited to, spanking, hitting, shaking, biting, pinching, pushing, pulling, or slapping.)

- Use any language that hurts, shames, or belittles a child
- Use any strategy that threatens, or forces a child
- Use of physical activity as a punishment
- Shame or punish a child if accidents occurs
- Embarrass any child in front of others
- Leave any child alone, unattended or without supervision
- Allow any bullying or discipline of a child by other children

Conferences will be scheduled with parents if particular disciplinary problems continue with no change. If a child's behavior consistently endangers the safety of the children around him/her, then the Director has the right, after meeting with the parents and documenting behavior problems and interventions, to terminate child care services for that particular child.

My signature below indicates that I have received a copy of the discipline policy,

it has been reviewed with me, and I have read and agree to this policy.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If parent, name of child \_\_\_\_\_