



Discipline Policy

Tot Drop believes that discipline should be handled in a positive way. Techniques such as setting clear limits, emphasizing desirable behavior, and redirection away from inappropriate behavior will be used. Instead of saying "No standing on the picnic tables," we might say, "Please get down, tables are for sitting." We want children to understand that they are accepted and loved, but some of their behavior may not be.

The staff will not use abusive, corporal, humiliating or frightening punishment under any circumstances. If a severe toddler tantrum occurs, the child will be removed from the group and cared for by a caregiver until he/she calms down.

If a child engages in a potentially harmful behavior (such as biting, hitting, throwing toys, etc.) a caregiver will personally and quietly explain to the child why we don't do that and what we might do instead. In the event that a child continues this behavior a detailed INCIDENT REPORT will be filled out for the parents to read and sign. A plan of action will be put in place to avoid further incidents. This might include techniques such as safe time outs or more individual supervision.

I have read and discussed any questions, concerns or issues with this policy with the Tot Drop Director and am satisfied that I understand how Tot Drop staff modifies behavior that needs changing.

Parent Name _____ Date _____
(Please print)

Parent signature _____