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After this afternoon's fiasco, I've developed a new parenting philosophy: never deny your child anything.

"Yes, darling, of course you can take drugs (after you kill me and do away with my body)."

"Sure, dear - do start smoking! As soon as you've eaten these three packs of menthol cigarettes..."

"Of course you can have a chocolate bar, baby. When you're finished that broccoli, we'll walk over to the store and buy one."

"You sure can go outside honey! Once we're done picking up your toys, we'll play on the swings together."

Keep direct negative replies at bay unless it's imperative such as in a potentially dangerous situation. A curbside "Mommy, can I cross the street by myself?" needs to be dealt with instantly and distinctly. Discussion and education can take place later.

Of course, you've got to be right on the ball otherwise it's quite possible that you may inadvertently agree to bungee-jumping directly the vacuuming is done. If you've erred, the back-up here to is belly laugh loudly (holding your sides for further effect), wipe your eyes and say: "My, my! I'm just being so silly today!"

If you're in a non-critical circumstance but still need to say "no" (such as the invariable plea to stay up a little longer), try going sideways: "On the weekend, you can stay up till 10:00, but only if you go to sleep right now".

By using "no" less often, it will be taken more seriously by the kids when you do say it. In the same

way, your qualified yes gives the child what she wants ("yes, you can paint") as well as what you want ("as soon as we put away these puzzle pieces"). Tasks assigned with your proviso should be done together as much as possible, to keep your positive-negative positive, non?

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Behavior Of Children

By Melissa Fishman

The behavior of children is a direct reflection of the expectations of adults in the world of today. The information confirms the premise that the behavior of children is reflective of the context in which they are raised. Actually much of the unpleasant behavior of children is quite normal. The fact that parental behavior influences the behavior of children is well known. Assessing the needs and behavior of children is then examined, including the referral process and common assessment tools. Some of the disobedient behavior of children is just for the precise purpose of testing the determination of those in charge. The most surprising discovery, because it was not expected, is that the moral behavior of children is specific to the situation. Children's behavior is unpredictable and, developmentally, children will not make safe decisions.

The practice of assessing and treating attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders is not as difficult as one may think. Does the child have problems sustaining attention in tasks or play activities? The child may resist attention or passively accept hugs and cuddling. Understand and help any child with attention deficit disorder. Diagnosing attention deficit disorder is purely subjective.

However, the parent is far more of an influence than is the sibling. How far can a parent go when correcting a child's behavior? The parent must examine his or her beliefs when it comes to discipline and it was up to the parent whether or not to medicate their child. These parent needs to sit down with their children and explain the need to behave and pay attention in everyday life. Being an effective parent takes consistency, love and patience.

Strategies to teach all children are practiced. As parents, we found several strategies helpful. Parenting strategies are general ways of understanding and observing family life and the behavior of children. When you reprimand children, exclusions, and detentions are recorded as strategies that are not affected when trying to improve the behavior of school children. Parenting strategies and behavior management strategies are also effective. The relationship between disciplinary strategies and aggression in preschoolers does not always work in the best interest of the child. Plan appropriate teaching strategies to promote children's growth and development. Most teachers who implemented strategies from the beginning and create good habits and support system change the behavior of children.

It is worth considering whether the approach into children's behavior is a practical approach. The attitudinal behavior of children is recognized as a key determinant of. research indicates that the behavior of children is influenced by the age of the people with whom they are interacting. The general policy for guiding the behavior of children is based on respect for the child as a person. Children's behavior is affected by so many different variables if they are sick, healthy and or stressed.

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