

Grandparents Support Group

Enhancing Practical Life Skills



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Schedule

- Introductions
- Audience survey
- Structure
- Transitions
- How to give a direction
- Behavior strategies
- Communication strategies
- Visual supports
- Activity and Q & A



Handout # 1

- Start with structure



Handout # 1 continued

- Transitions



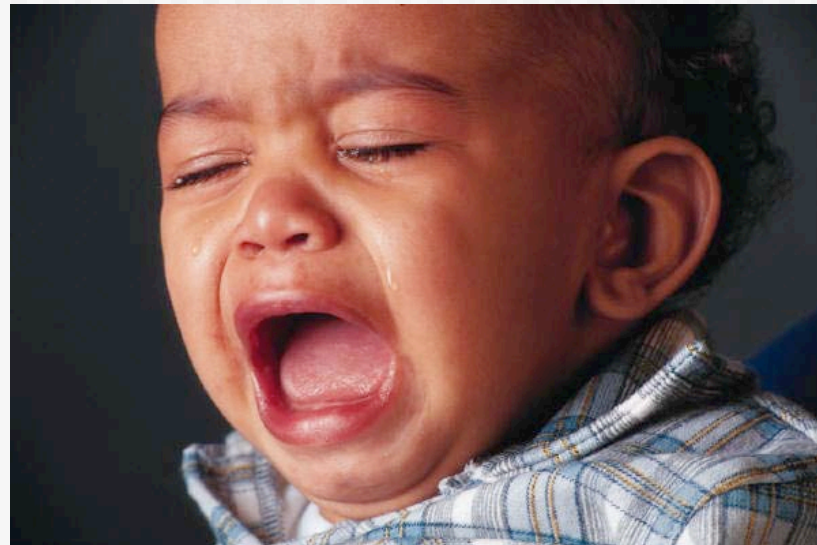
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- Giving a direction



Words of Wisdom

- Behavior tips



Communication

- A very big topic!!!!

Why do *children* communicate with others?

The world of the child is all about connections... not just words for words' sake, but words in order to think, make friends, and learn about the world.



When do children communicate?

When communication is **FUN**,
REWARDING AND **FUNCTIONAL**



Visual supports

Why use them?

- Within any specific activity, adding visual structure helps the child know
 - where to start
 - how to complete the activity
 - how to sequence the steps
 - clarifies your directions

Visual supports

- Some ideas..
 - Wait card
 - Count down
 - First then
 - Choice
 - Schedule
 - Here card
 - Blank squares

Let's brain storm some practical ideas

- Use of everyday items
 - Post-its
 - White board
 - Photos
 - Paper and pencil
 - Newspapers/magazines

Questions and Answers



Websites ideas

- Autism Inspiration www.autisminspiration.com
- Hubbards Cupboard www.hubbardscupboard.com
- PBS Kids www.pbskids.org
- Nick Jr www.nickjr.com
- Disney Clip Art www.disneyclipart.com
- Organizers Locker Boss www.creativepocketsolutions.com
- Hand washing www.squidsoap.com