



Magic Sitter Child Care

**Traditional and
Non-traditional hours
Weekend & Overnights
Parent Night's Out
Transportation Available!**

Magic Sitter's Discipline Policy

My philosophy on discipline consists of reinforcing positive behavior, rather than emphasizing negative. I believe discipline is an ongoing process. I set consistent rules appropriate to the age of the child. I work toward developing strong and positive self-concepts while providing a secure and understandable environment that the child can manage. I don't, for example, expect children under three to "share", but I do expect they can play along side of one another and develop social skills. If there is a conflict, limits are set in a compassionate tone of voice. With the younger children, distraction of utilizing duplicate toys is a common solution. Older children are encouraged to "use your words". Sometimes I will provide words for them but my goal is to help them develop the skills necessary to do this on their on. Anger and frustration are OK at daycare; hitting and breaking things are not OK. If a problem develops, I will handle it by making clear to the child that is a behavior, not the child himself that is unacceptable. Spanking and verbal ridicule will never be used. We focus on talking about the choices that are available. I will not humiliate children or expect them to behave "for me". I try to give a lot of sincere, positive comments on behavior. I take my position as role model seriously. Children are given choices that are real and only at times when I think they can be acted on. I want the children to feel I care about them and will take care of things for them when they need me to.

I will adhere to discipline policies outlined in 417.9 Discipline, of NYS Office of Child and Family Services for Day Care Homes:

- (a) The family day care provider must establish written disciplinary guidelines and provide copies of these guidelines to all caregivers and parents. These guidelines must include acceptable methods of guiding the behavior of children. Discipline must be administered in such a way as to help each child develop self-control and assume responsibility for his or her actions through clear and consistent rules and limits appropriate to the ages and development of the children in care. The caregiver must use acceptable techniques and approaches to help children solve problems.
- (b) Any discipline used must relate to the child's action and be handled without prolonged delay on the part of the caregiver so that the child is aware of the relationship between his or her actions and the consequences of those actions.

Magic Sitter of East Syracuse, New York's Discipline Policy

- (c) Isolating a child in a closet, darkened area, or any area where the child cannot be seen and supervised by the caregiver is prohibited.
- (d) Where a child's behavior harms or is likely to result in harm to the child, others or property, or seriously disrupts or is likely to seriously disrupt group interaction, the child may be separated briefly from the group, but only for as long as is necessary for the child to regain enough self-control to rejoin the group. The child must be placed in an area where he or she is in the view of, and can be supervised and supported by, the caregiver. Interaction between the caregiver and the child must take place immediately following the separation to guide the child toward appropriate group behavior. Separation of a child from the group in a manner other than that provided for in this subdivision is prohibited.
- (e) Corporal punishment is prohibited. For the purposes of this Part, the term corporal punishment means punishment inflicted directly on the body including, but not limited to, spanking, biting, shaking, slapping, twisting or squeezing; demanding excessive physical exercise, prolonged lack of movement or motion, or strenuous or bizarre postures; and compelling a child to eat or have in the child's mouth soap, foods, hot spices or other substances.
- (f) Withholding or using food, rest or sleep as a punishment is prohibited.
- (g) Discipline may be administered only by the caregiver.
- (h) Methods of discipline, interaction or toilet training which frighten, demean or humiliate a child are prohibited.