**U09 Little Chief’s Daycare Guidance Methods Policy**

**Policy:** Staff use positive approaches to help children behave constructively.

**Guidance Methods include:**

* redirection
* use a positive approach
* planning ahead to prevent problems
* encouraging appropriate behavior
* Establish clear, consistent, and simple limits with the children, so they understand.
* staff encourage the children to problem solve
* logical or natural consequences are applied in problem situations.

**Procedures:**

* Daily communication takes place between the parent/guardian and educator in regards to the child’s day and behavior.
* If the child is old enough, the educator describes to the child the situation where his or her behavior was inappropriate or unacceptable.
* If other child/children were hurt, the educator will have the other child explain how they felt.
* The educator will help the child identify the emotion behind the inappropriate behavior and help him/her find another way to act when having this feeling.
* The child will then return to the activity or go to another activity.
* If the unacceptable behavior persists, the child will be removed from that activity area and will have the choice to choose another activity.
* If necessary, the educator or supervisor will inform the parent/guardian at the end of the day.