Guidance Strategies

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One of the duties of being an adult is to help teach, direct and support children as they continue to grow and learn. This only means that children care providers including teachers play an important role in molding a child behavior in various ways. The most suitable way to direct a child’s behavior is varying at different ages depending on the Childs abilities and needs. As it is known children often respond healthily to positive reinforcement. Thus it is highly advised that when a child misbehaves or opts not to follow instructions, using negative language or yelling is often not the solution as it will do little correction in changing the behavior. This is the reason as to why educators are advised to learn positive reinforcement techniques that will help make the child portray appropriate behavior. Guidance strategies can be defined as specific actions and approaches used by an educator to tech as well as govern children as they continue growing. Using positive strategies will help build the child’s trust making it easier to redirect their behavior. Some educators have been known to focus on negative strategies that largely focus on physical/ psychological punishment to promote change in behavior.

For me, active listening is the top strategy when it comes to teaching and guiding children. In an instance when the child comes up and owns the problem this technique is the best. What I came to learn regarding this strategy that it requires an individual to listen to the child while providing minimal interruptions with the aim of offering solutions. With this technique, the educator gets an opportunity to know what the kid thinks, feels or fear. As we all know children tend to communicate their desires, fears and thoughts using their behavior and educators need to be familiar with what the child is going through.

This technique can be used in an instance where Nancy who is age 3 begins biting other children. As an educator, you can employ the listening technique to help you understand what is happening. Go to the child and review with her the rules and if possible offer time out if it is required. By doing this, you will help change the child behavior in a positive manner without inflicting pain.