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Ten Caregiving Gifts We Can Give to Children

Resource & Referral Handout

1. Respond to all children, including young infants, in ways that encourage them to believe that they can make things happen.
2. Help all children learn that they have ways to take care of their own needs.
3. Help infants and toddlers develop confidence and trust in others.
4. Help infants and toddlers to learn about intimacy.
5. Help toddlers learn that even adults cannot make all problems disappear.
6. Be tolerant and respectful of toddlers' internal conflicts and desires.
7. Help toddlers understand the evaluations of adults.
8. Match your reaction to the temperament of the child.
9. Exchange information with parents about their children.
10. Remind children in child care of the absent parents' continued existence and certain return.

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Family Child Care at Its Best – Making the Connection with Infants and Toddlers