

Responding to Children's Behavior

Negative Behavior	Possible Reasons	Skill I'd Like to Teach	Appropriate Response
<p>After repeated attempts to set up an elaborate block structure, Aaron suddenly swipes his arm across the blocks, sending them flying throughout the room.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frustration, • Anger 	<p>Impulse control</p>	<p>Acknowledge that the child is frustrated. Suggest that when he feels his frustration build that he stop, take a deep breath, and ask for help, or walk away.</p>
<p>Two children are screaming and shouting over a dispute regarding one child's move in a board game.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frustration • Confusion over the rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of trust 	<p>Conflict resolution</p>	<p>Instruct children to take a deep breath, and get themselves under control. Then ask them to follow the steps in conflict resolution: SIGEP</p>
<p>Sophie is taking her turn at a program-wide science experiment. She makes a huge mistake, which ruins the experiment. Karen responds by calling Sophie stupid. Sophie bursts into tears.</p>			
<p>Beth, the group leader, announces that it's time to clean up for the next activity. Joey is itching for a confrontation and ignores her request.</p>			
<p>Kip and Carl, the tough kids, seem intent on starting a fight with Jose and Rodney, the studious kids. After enough teasing, Jose throws the first punch.</p>			
<p>Tanesha is upset because her new friendship bracelet is missing. She accuses Katie of stealing it. Katie denies it, but later it shows up in her cubby.</p>			

<p>Mark (staff) sits down to lead the large group activity. Every few minutes Dylan pokes someone near him, moves from one spot to another, and bursts out with a joke, or an inappropriate noise.</p>			
<p>Margie (staff) steps in when Rosanna and Kellie make Lupe cry. Rosanna responds to Margie by rolling her eyes, flicking her hair and saying sarcastically, "You can't make us like Lupe or play with her." Margie is frustrated with Rosanna's lack of respect and her attitude.</p>			