

Positive Guidance Strategies



Anticipate trouble



Give gentle reminders



Distract to a positive model



Inject humor



Offer choices

Notice positive behavior



Offer encouragement



Clarify messages



Overlook small annoyances



Deliberately ignore provocations



Reconsider the situation



Point out natural, or logical, consequences



Provide renewal time



Give hugs and caring



Provide discussion with an adult



Help children solve their own problems and negotiate their differences