

# Parent/Guardian Praise



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The practice of parent/guardian praise may be used to increase a child's good behavior through positive interventions. These could be praise, encouragement or affection. Parents/guardians give their child positive attention when they have good behavior. The child soon learns that they will receive positive attention for good behavior.

## How does this practice work?

- React with praise when a child has good behavior.
- Use words that describe how well a child responded to a command.
- Use words that describe how well a child is doing in a certain situation.
- Give praise right after the good behavior.
- Give the amount of praise equal to how hard the task is for a child.
- Practice by giving commands and staying close by to give praise.

## Examples:

- Luke is asked to play quietly while his Aunt is working.  
Aunt's praise- "I liked the way you played quietly when I was on the phone."
- Mariana is asked to put the dishes away.  
Father's praise- "Mariana, I really appreciate you helping me by putting away the dishes."
- Jose was told to be home by 12:00 pm for curfew.  
Father's praise- "Jose, you listened well to the rules last night. I know you were home by midnight."
- Norah was told to come home right after school to let the family dog out.  
Mother's praise: "Susan I really appreciate the fact that I can count on you to let the dog out after school."