Conduct & Discipline

Notes

Camper Behavior Management – Love and Logic

A whole-child philosophy designed to raise responsible kids through relationships built on love and trust.

The "**Love**": Set and enforce limits with sincere love and empathy.
The "**Logic**": Allow kids to make decisions, solve problems, and experience natural consequences of their choices.

Love and Logic Best Practices

No Anger, Lecture Threats or Warnings

Step away from the situation if you find yourself doing this

Use Enforceable Statements

DON'T SAY: "Everyone line up now!"
SAY: "We can go to free time when everyone is lined up quietly."

Let your YES be YES & your NO be YES too.

DON'T SAY: "No, you can't get a drink until we are finished."
SAY: "Yes, you can get a drink as soon as we are finished."

"I Noticed" Statements

DON'T SAY: "Hey, you are a great artist."
SAY: "I noticed you like to draw."

Use Creativity & Humor

DON'T: Argue with a camper
SAY: "I only argue on the third Sunday of every month."

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Recovery Steps

Step 1
Opportunity for camper to fix problem

SAY: "Hey ___, I noticed that you are causing a problem by ___. I am going to need you to fix the problem."

Step 2
Counselor Offers Choice

SAY: "Hey ___, I noticed that you are causing a problem. You have a choice to (participate by ____) or (participate on the side)."

Step 3
Send to PC/Director

SAY: "Hey ___, I see you chose not to solve the problem so we need to get a PC/Director involved. Do you want me to go get a PC/Director or would you like to walk with me to find one?"

When camper leaves:
SAY: "I hope that with the PC/Director you can come up with a solution so that you can join our group again!"

When camper returns:
SAY: "I'm so glad you're back." (Then stop!)

If unsafe situation, go straight to Step 3

Unsafe Situations

- Physical – harm to self or others
- Sexual – physical or verbal
- Racial – verbal
- Bullying

SAY: *"Hey ___, I noticed that you're creating an unsafe situation. I don't know what to do about this, so we need to go talk to a program coach together now."*"

Counselor leaves child with PC/director,

SAY: *"I hope with the PC/Director you can come up with a solution to the problem so that you can join our group again!".*

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