

JOB TITLE:

PARENT – TODDLER

JOB PURPOSE:

PREPARES TODDLER FOR LEARNING

by

keeping toddler safe; teaching lessons about honesty, jealousy, cooperation, sharing, and cheerfulness; instilling a love of reading and learning; modeling appropriate behaviors; providing healthy meals; maintaining inoculation schedules; expressing desires of what should be done rather than what shouldn't; finding creative ways for toddler to learn to pick-up and put toys away, maintain book shelves, and complete simple household chores; welcoming different and new personal dimensions; preparing for the future; never giving up; loving unconditionally and always.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. PROVIDES A SAFE HOME

by

identifying life's threats; protecting against hazards; toddler-proofing the home; putting away table adornments; placing safety latches on cupboard doors; installing gates on stairs; putting safety covers on electrical receptacles; providing babysitters with personal location and contact information, or alternative resources.

2. CREATES A POSITIVE CHILD-REARING CLIMATE

by

loving unconditionally; preparing family activities; minimizing depressing thoughts; avoiding conflict; teaching lessons about honesty, jealousy, cooperation, sharing, and cheerfulness; nurturing self-esteem; making time to talk; finding things to laugh about.

3. SOOTHES TODDLER'S PROBLEMS

by

recognizing that toddler's have marvelously inquisitive minds, but absolutely no experience from prior learning to understand "safe or harmful," "good or bad," and "right or wrong"; providing comfort; offering assistance.

4. TEACHES LIFE SKILLS

by

modeling appropriate behaviors; passing on experiences; pointing out appropriate and inappropriate behaviors; instilling a love for reading; demonstrating the excitement of learning new skills.

5. MAINTAINS FAMILY HEALTH

by

following nutritional and health guidelines; finding ways to reduce stress; maintaining physical check-up and immunization schedules; adhering to prescribed medication routines and dosages.

6. PROVIDES NUTRITIOUS MEALS

by

planning healthy menus; preparing shopping lists; shopping for groceries; evaluating food appeal; noting improvement changes for future meal planning.

7. MAINTAINS FAMILY DINNER TABLE AMBIANCE

by

teaching the use of utensils and napkins; teaching table setting tasks; ensuring that all family members demonstrate good manners, and say “please” when asking for and “thank you” when receiving food and beverages; letting toddler help with after-dining clean-up.

8. TEACHES VALUES OF CLEANLINESS AND ORDERLINESS

by

finding creative ways for toddler to pick-up and put toys away, maintain book shelves, dispose of trash, value order in personal space, help prepare clothes for laundering, and put laundered clothes in appropriate storage drawers and closets.

9. PROMOTES LEARNING

by

fostering child’s personal exploration of areas of special interest; redirecting interest from inappropriate to appropriate behaviors and activities.

10. ENFORCES DISCIPLINE

by

expressing desires as what should be done instead of what shouldn't; establishing age-appropriate rules and consequences; addressing behaviors instead of personalities; applying conduct guides consistently; applying age-appropriate time-outs with clarity and calm.

11. RE-KINDLES PERSONAL SPIRIT

by

recognizing signs of stress; taking a break; spending time with supportive friends and family; consulting physician and pediatrician for guidance; taking time to reflect on results; resting; re-examining directions; choosing paths to follow; avoiding dissuasion; committing energy; moving forward.

12. PREPARES FOR THE FUTURE

by

establishing objectives; promoting curiosity; exploring and evaluating options; developing educational and financial plans; reviewing care options if unable to raise toddler to adulthood; creating legal documents and other protections.

13. CONTRIBUTES TO TODDLER DEVELOPMENT

by

welcoming different and new personal dimensions; never giving up; loving unconditionally and always.

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