

What We Know About Children

- ⇒ Children go through certain developmental stages that adults must know.
- ⇒ Every stage of growth is important and all of life is important to every child.
- ⇒ Behavior in all children is learned.
- ⇒ Each child is capable of experiencing the entire range of human emotions: love, anger, hate, joy, and sorrow.
- ⇒ All children thrive on genuine love, affection and acceptance.
- ⇒ All Children are frightened and hurt by inappropriate anger and sarcasm.
- ⇒ What each child feels is real for her/himself. Regardless of whether s/he has what you think is a needless fear, the fear is real to the child.
- ⇒ Children like and appreciate consistency. The inconsistencies of adults bother them.
- ⇒ Children expect promises to be kept. They would sooner have no promise and a disappointment at the beginning than to have a broken promise later.
- ⇒ All children can learn to accept responsibility and to be independent.
- ⇒ Children can learn to face the realities of life.
- ⇒ Children can be helped to develop a wholesome sense of humor.

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