

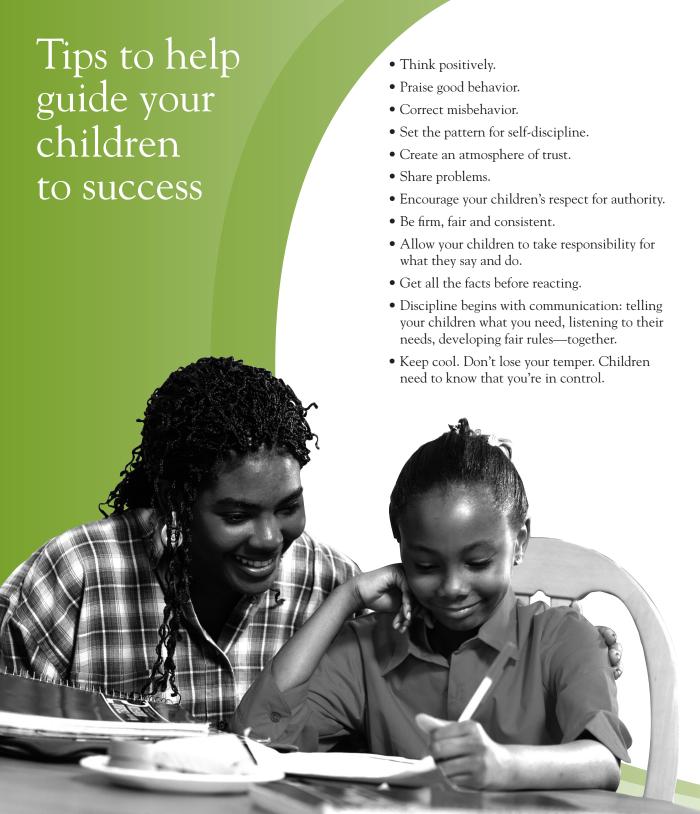
If a child misbehaves in school, it may be a carry-over from something that happened at home, just as a blow-up at home may have started in the classroom. That's why everyone on the school staff wants to keep in touch with you about school problems, school policies—and especially your child.

only temporary setbacks, you will still

accomplish a great deal.

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- Don't give your children a mixed message by behaving in one manner and asking them to behave in another.
- Be a parent. Children need parents to be responsible adults, not "buddies."
- Be a model. Lead by example.
- Impress on children the importance of not repeating wrong behavior.
- Stealing, lying, cheating, being cruel, getting tough—all hurt other people in ways we would never want to be hurt ourselves.
- Punish no more than the misbehavior warrants—and always do it with love, not anger.
- Be honest and truthful. Be generous with sincere praise. Even criticism is more easily accepted when it's sprinkled with praise.
- Have fun together. When parents and children share fun time, few serious discipline problems arise.

Remember:

- The old "do it or else" just doesn't work with today's children.
- Let your children learn the satisfaction that comes from their own sense of contribution and participation.
- Be involved, interested and concerned. Then and only then can your children get the most out of the caring their teachers give them.

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