

Discovering Life Skills

Chapter 9: Caring for Children

Chapter Summary

Parenting is the process of caring for children and helping them to grow and learn. Effective parents must provide love, patience, guidance, and financial resources.

Children, like adults, respond better to positive statements than to negative ones. Children want to become independent and be able to perform tasks by themselves. Caregivers need to give children guidance, or direction. That is how children learn basic rules for behavior.

Developmental tasks are achievements, such as walking and talking that can be expected at various ages and stages of growth. Developmental tasks are useful for explaining what the typical child can do by certain ages. It is important to treat each child as an individual. Young children learn from exploring their environment. Children learn something from everyone and everything around them.