THE IMPORTANCE OF REWARDING DESIRED BEHAVIOR

aka "Reinforcement"

- Reinforcement describes the relationship between behavior(s) demonstrated by the learner and a consequence (response) that follows the behavior.
- Reinforcement occurs only if the consequence (response) increases the likelihood the learner will perform the skill or behavior in the future.

The behavior(s) you reinforce the most, will be the behavior(s) you will see the most

Examples of simple systems for home use:



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QUICK WAYS TO INCREASE THE BEHAVIORS YOU WANT TO SEE

- Pay attention to when your child is being "good"
- Praise your child with the specific behavior you want to continue to see
- Praise your child for successful steps (even if it's a small one)
- Give your child a high five or hug
- Give less attention to the behaviors you do not want to see again
- Provide attention to your child without him/her having to earn it
- Celebrate your child's efforts, not just the results
- Praise your child with positive statements
- Offer your child genuine and realistic praise
- Display work in a place of honor
- Write positive notes/pictures for your child
- Praise consistently and often

UPCOMING STATEWIDE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC) MEETING & WORKSHOP DATES

All meetings and workshops will be held via Zoom

- **❖** December 17, 2020 6pm-7pm:
 - o Topic- Navigating My Child's IEP
 - o Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89000893029
- **❖** January 14, 2021 6pm-7pm:
 - o Topic- Understanding My Child's Rights & Compliance
 - Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84123886806
- **❖ March 11, 2021 6pm-7pm:**
 - o Topic-Communication & Sensory Skills
 - o Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88427266972
- **May 13, 2021 6pm-7pm:**
 - o Topic- Behavior Strategies & Social Skills
 - o Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85646048651