

Ages and

Stages



of

Getting

Children

Organized

Age Level Skills and Habits for Success!

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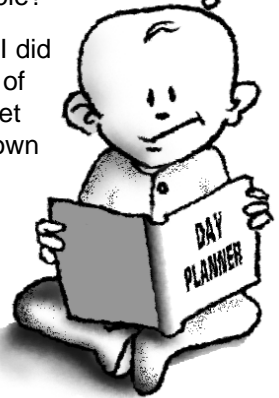
Dear Friend,



Have you ever wished that children were born naturally organized and responsible?

I have. As a parent I did not have a clear picture of how we were going to get to that period called "grown up!"

Then one day with my kindergartner, toddler, and baby in my arms, I had a startling thought. Not even the "best" education, the "right" music teaching, or an "outstanding" sports program would insure they would succeed in life. What would?



From that point on, through trial and error and plenty of observation as a parent, educator, and Professional Organizer, I developed a blueprint featuring a logical, age-level sequence of skills that would take children through the growth steps necessary to become responsible and confident adults. You have it right here before you.

I consider it a pleasure and a privilege to accompany you on your parenting journey. Enjoy the ride. It's worth every moment of your love and investment.

A Parent and new Friend,

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Children Have Responsibilities, Too!

Did you ever hear the saying, “Work before play?” That phrase is a skill to learn because of our natural inclination to do the opposite.

Children will grow up in **age** without our help, but they need help to grow up into **maturity**.

Someone has to teach them. Will it be you? Here’s some help to get you started.

- Write your child’s name next to the category on the “Age Level Growth Chart” on pages 4-5.
- Read your child’s section, checking off what your child is already doing well.
- Make a plan to teach other needed skills.



BABY (Birth – 1 year old)

Most parents spend six months just learning to cope with this wonderful, new little person. Then they think parenting is a breeze – until the child hits the crawling and walking stages.

- Keep a steady eye on making the baby fit into normal night time sleeping patterns of the family.
- Determine to “separate” from your child to clean up the kitchen and do the household chores.



TODDLER (1–3 years old)

Training a toddler is possible if you:

- Play “Pick-Up” with the child before leaving a room, or before meals. “Pick-Up” means everything in its place –

- Toys on lower shelves
- Books on middle shelves
- Stuffed animals in a basket
- Clothes in closet or hamper

- Offer a choice of two equal items to instill an appropriate sense of power other than “NO!”

“Do you want to have apple juice or orange juice?”

“Do you want to wear your red outfit or your blue jeans?”

- Do not applaud their choice or they will think there is a right and wrong way to please you! Just say, “That’s fine” and let them have their choice.

