

## Conduct Guides for Mentors Working with Children

### Resource Sheet



1. Two adults should always be present in the company of a child or children. This policy protects adults against misrepresentation by children.
2. Never offer to drive a child in your car due to liability issues.
3. Adults should address each other as Miss, Mrs. or Mr. followed by either your first or last name. If you are using your first name, children will routinely call you Miss/Mr....
4. Adults will use good judgment in demonstrating body and verbal language in front of children. A quick hug is ok, but extensive hugging is not.
5. Be firm and direct when giving directs to students. Be friends later.
6. Praise students at every opportunity.
7. If a child will not follow directions or is acting out, refer the child and problem to the teacher onsite.
8. Be upfront with children using inappropriate language or doing an inappropriate action such as swinging tools. Firmly and directly ask the student to stop. If he or she does not stop, refer the problem to the teacher onsite.
9. Vandalism happens and the first lesson is to not be the victim. In the garden we will replant, replant, replant.

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