

# Positive Behaviour Support and Trauma-Informed Practice



## Phase 2, Module 2

### Giving Specific, Positive Feedback to Increase Social Behavioural Success

3 ways to move from general praise to specific feedback:

**1. Report what you see (narrating).** A short, objective statement about the behaviour.

“You put your dishes in the tub,”

or

“You figured out a solution to the problem,”

This acknowledges children’s efforts and lets them know exactly which action was the correct one

**2. Connect it with an expectation** (PDA: Positive, Descriptive Acknowledgment)

Use the service expectations language.

“You cleaned up the blocks. You are keeping the area safe.”

Or

“You gave Yoon Seo the fire truck. That’s being friendly.”

This links to the big picture of how we support children to be successful citizens by teaching behaviour

**3. Emphasize the impact on others.** Acknowledge the positive impact.

“You cleaned up the blocks. Thanks for being respectful/kind/helpful. Now someone else can have a turn.”

“You gave Yoon Seo the fire truck. He looks really happy to have it.”

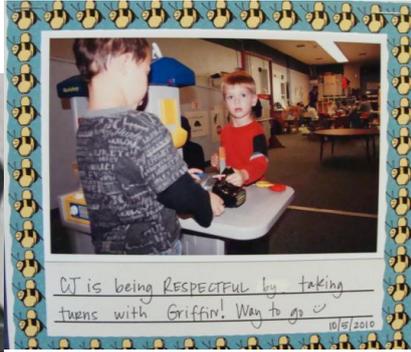
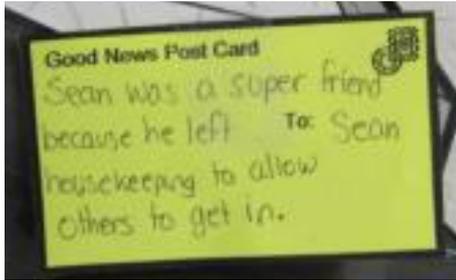
This teaches children they can positively impact others by their behaviour

### Planning effective feedback statements

Situation	Praise statement ( <b>non-example</b> )	Specific, positive feedback statement
Child walks inside	“Good girl!”	“Thanks for being safe with walking feet!”

## Celebrating Social Behavioural Success:

### Individual Acknowledgement



### Group Contingencies



What would work in your service?

## Acknowledging Staff Using Specific, Positive Feedback:

Statements

Tangibles/experiences

## Sharing the Skill of Specific, Positive Feedback with Parents:

### 4 Things Parents Need to Know About Praise



1. Praise is good for kids.
2. Before age 7, you can reinforce effort even when performance isn't so great.
3. After age 7, provide more realistic feedback on performance and effort.
4. Aim for a 4-1 daily positive-negative ratio.

Thomas Phelan, author of the 1-2-3 Magic parenting guide, shares the four things parents need to know about using praise.

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Tell – provide information

Show – model in your service