

Reference—The Steps to Corrective Teaching

1. Get the child's attention, stop the problem behavior
2. Express praise or empathy
3. Describe the inappropriate behavior
4. Deliver a consequence
5. Describe the appropriate behavior you want instead
6. Give a reason

Positive Correction

7. Offer a positive motivation statement
8. Practice the behavior you want (have the child "re-do" the situation)
9. Praise and reduce the consequence

Example

"Melissa, I need you to come over here.

"I know that your little sister is bothering you...

"...but just now I saw you hit her.

"So, you have earned the chore of wiping off all the counters.

"When your sister is bothering you, I need you to come and tell me.

"If you come to me, then I can help you fix the problem, and you won't get into trouble."

Positive Correction

"I know you don't like doing chores, so you can have the chance to earn a smaller chore.

"I want you to pretend that your sister is bothering you, and I want you to practice coming to tell me instead of hitting her.

"Great job! Since you practice coming to me instead of hitting your sister, you just need to wipe off this counter instead of all of them."