

# Conscious Discipline<sup>®</sup> Personal Implementation Guide for Parents (Age 0 - 3)

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# **Conscious Discipline Implementation Guide**

### **Personal Plan**

•	What three things generated a personal "aha" for you this week?					
	1					
	2					
	3					
•	How will you expand on this personal interest to begin your implementation process?					
•	What two rituals seemed the most meaningful for you during the week?					
	1					
	2					
•	What activities/songs/games did you find really helpful?					
	1					
	2					
•	Did you enjoy the Brain Smart Start routine? Why?					
•	Did the Safekeeper ritual provide you focus? How?					
•	Did your daily commitments offer you success and focus? How?					
•	Did you enjoy your job? Did you benefit from the jobs of others?					
	How does this apply in your home?					
•	What inner speech are you willing to change?  I'm safe. Keep breathing. I can handle this.  You can do it. You can do this!  What are my two choices? Think of two choices and just get started.  Are these thoughts helpful or hurtful?  I feel angry, sad or disappointed. Breathe. I can handle this.  I wish you well.					
	■ What am I willing to do differently?					



#### **Essential Beginnings**

# 1. Start your personal "Be a S.T.A.R." program, then share with others (children or coworkers, etc.)

- Find your personal internal Safe Place then create one for your home.
- Take back your power. Shift from "make me, please me" language to "I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_."

  Once you empower yourself, you will then be able to empower your children.
- Consciously be aware of your buttons. Say to yourself, "I'm safe, I can handle this. Keep breathing." Once you are conscious of your buttons, help children be conscious of theirs.
- Structure: Safe Place

#### 2. Start your personal Wish Well Program

- Create a Wish Well ritual in your home.
- Let go of judging yourself and others and begin wishing others well. Then teach this to children.
- "Careem is having a hard time cleaning up. Let's wish him well."

#### 3. Start the day the Brain Smart® way

- · Teach some activities to unite.
- Teach some activities to connect.
- Teach some activities to disengage the stress response (S.T.A.R., Drain, Pretzel, Balloon).
- Teach commitments. Start with family agreements and move to individual.

#### 4. Create a "safety" job description

- My job is to keep you safe. Your job is to help keep it safe.
- · Create a Safekeeper ritual.
- "Walk to the house so everyone is safe."
- "Are you being safe?" "What could you do now that would be helpful?"

#### 5. Create a Connected Family

- · Name your Connected Family.
- Connected Family song, motto, mission statement and/or flag.

#### 6. See misbehavior as a call for help

- The moment is as it is.
- The only person you can make change is yourself.
- Attribute positive intent.

#### 7. Assertively tell children what to do

- · What you focus on you get more of.
- Pivot if frustrated.
- Give two positive choices or assertive commands.





# **Routines: What Visuals are Needed?**

Explore the following aspects of your daily life and discuss how you could add Conscious Discipline elements to each.

## **Morning Routine**

•	What brain state does your child begin each morning? How do you wake your child up each day?
•	How could you change your state?
•	How could you help your child change his/her state?
•	Create your good morning ritual. ("I'm going to wake up those feet. I'm going to wake up those legs." etc.)
•	What Conscious Discipline steps are you willing to take to create a picture routine of your morning routine?
•	How many steps are necessary? Fill in the below box with the steps.
•	When will you create the routine? Who will take the pictures?
•	How will you help parents use the routine schedule or book?



## **Transition Routine**

•	How do you load your children into the car?					
•	How do you leave places with your kids?					
•	How do you want these transitions to look like?					
•	What Conscious Discipline steps are you willing to take to create a picture routine of your transition routine?					
•	How many steps are necessary? Fill in the below box with the steps.					
•	When will you create the routine? Who will take the pictures?					
В	athroom Routine					
•	What is posted to help with the diapering process or potty training steps?					
•	What is posted to help wiht teeth brushing, bathing and leaving the room clean?					
•	What Conscious Discipline steps are you willing to take to create a picture routine of your bathroom routine?					
•	How many steps are necessary? Fill in the below box with the steps.					
•	When will you create the routine? Who will take the pictures?					



### **Bedtime Routine**

•	What steps do you currently take at bedtime? What state are you in when you are doing those steps?						
•	How can you change your state?						
•	How can you help change the child's state?						
•	Create a bedtime routine, including a goodnight ritual. Create your goodnight ritual:						
•	What Conscious Discipline steps are you willing to take to create a picture routine of your bedtime routine?						
•	How many steps are necessary? Fill in the below box with the steps.						
•	When will you create the routine? Who will take the pictures?						
Ε	ating Routine						
•	What steps do you currently take to eat?						
•	What Conscious Discipline steps are you willing to take to create a picture routine of your eating routine?						
•	How many steps are necessary? Fill in the below box with the steps.						
•	When will you create the routine? Who will take the pictures?						



## **Goodbye Routine**

•	What state are you in when you drop your child off?
•	What state is the child in?
•	How can you change your state?
•	How can you help your child change his/her state?
•	Create a goodbye ritual:



# **Brain Smart Start**

•	How will you unite your family?
	Safekeeper Ritual:
•	How will you help you and your family disengage stress?
	Beginning of the Day:
	Before School:
	After School:
	Before Bedtime:
•	How will you connect your family?
	Each Morning:
	At Meal Times:
	At the End of Each Day:
•	How will you and your family commit?
	Individually:
	As a Family:
	Predetermined Group of Family Commitments:





# **Rituals to Create**

Build a plan for the year. Include when you will create and implement each.

Ritual	Supplies Needed	Month to Implement
Safekeeper		
Good Morning		
Sick Child		
Wish Well		
Welcome Home		
New Baby		
Birthday Ritual		
Beginning / End of School Year		
Goodbye / Greeting		

## **I Love You Rituals**

Ritual	Month to Implement	Places of Implementation	Family Book
Wonderful Woman			
Peter, Peter			
Georgie Porgie			
Twinkle Twinkle			
Story Hand			
Story Hand			

•	What I	Love	You	Rituals	did	you	enjoy	this	week?	
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- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
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# Skills

Problem-Solving Skills	Supplies Necessary	Month to Implement
Safekeeper: Notice instead of judge.		
Composure: Be a S.T.A.R. program Active calming Downloading		
Encouragement: Wish Well program  • Absent child  • Upsetting events  • Difficult child  • Tantrums		
Encouragement:  "Good for you. You did it. You" (Instead of "good job.")		
Encouragement:  "You so That was helpful." (Instead of "thank you" or "I like the way")		
Choices: "You have a choice. You may or What is your choice?" (Two positive choices.)		
Assertiveness: "Did you like it?" (Natural consequences)		
Positive Intent: "You wanted You were hoping" (Instead of why, what, who?)		
Empathy: "Your face went like this. You seem"		
Consequences:  "If you, then" (Logical consequences.)		
Consequences: Problem-solving, family meetings		



## **Structures**

Structure	Supplies Necessary	Month to Implement
Friends and Family Board	(Holiday cards, etc.)	
<b>Jobs</b> (Family responsibilities)		
Ways to be Helpful Board		
Safe Place		
Celebrations Center		
Time Machine (For adults and older siblings)		
We Care Center		



## **Optional Ways to Enhance Conscious Discipline**

Other options to enhance your experience as you implement Conscious Discipline:

#### Coaching

Telephone or Skype (up to five people)

#### Workshops

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#### Resources

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