



HIT FREE ZONE

A No Hit Zone is an environment in which

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THIS FACILITY IS A NO HIT ZONE

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO

- Listen and talk with your child
- Let your child know what behaviors you expect
- Understand what behaviors to expect based on your child's age and development level



SAFE SECURE AND SUPPORTIVE

Los Angeles County promotes a Safe, Secure, and Supportive environment for all of our children, adults, families and staff with the mission to create a positive parent-child relationship, and reduce the harm that hitting causes in children.

Facts about hitting

- 💡 Hitting teaches children to use violence to solve problems
- 💡 Experiencing violence as children leads to physical and mental health problems as adults
- 💡 Physical punishment does not improve behavior for the long-term. It actually leads to more misbehavior and aggression in children

HITTING HURTS

Many parents and caregivers believe that hitting a child is an effective way to discipline and encourage respect. In fact, many of us probably were hit when we were children.

Current research, however, tells a very different story - namely, that hitting hurts - in more ways than you might think.

EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE

There are many ways to address and manage children's behaviors without the use of physical punishment, such as:



Guide and teach instead of hit



Reward positive behaviour



Build structure and routine in the child's day