

## Session 5: Skill of Assertiveness, Power of Attention



E-Course/Mini-Poster

What you focus on, you get more of.
Assertiveness is essential for setting effective and respectful limits.

## **Assertiveness Requires:**

- Focusing on the behavior we want to see:
   "Stop running." "Walk."
   "Don't be so loud." "Match your voice to mine."
- The intention of helping children be successful: Teach instead of punish.
- A tone of voice that has no doubt in it:
   Speak in the same matter-of-fact voice you would use to say, "The sky is above me."
- Words and hand motions that clearly tell what to do with Name, Verb, Paint:

Name: "Caitlin,"

Verb: "Put..."

Paint: "... the block in the box," while pointing first to the block and then to the box.



Remember to S.T.A.R.:

**S**mile,

Take a deep breath

**A**nd

Relax!

Three deep belly breaths calm your brain and body.

My personal commitment:

I am going to \_\_\_\_\_