



Pyramid PIECES Behavior Support Network: Reframing Challenging Behaviors Series 5.0

Growth Mindset: All Children Can Learn Positive Behavior

*"If a child doesn't know how to read, we teach."
"If a child doesn't know how to swim, we teach."
If a child doesn't know how to multiply, we teach."*

*"If a child doesn't know how to behave, we...
Punish."*

John Herner, National Association of State Directors of Special
Education President 1998-1999



**Behavior Support Network
YouTube Video Link:
[Growth Mindset](#)**

Connection Point:



A growth mindset means that we believe a child's abilities can grow and develop through the support of others and when given opportunities to practice new skills.



Every child CAN learn new skills to replace using challenging behaviors. Teach a child what you want to see them do. It is hard work but trust the process.



Isolation and punishment often have the opposite influence on behavior and create more challenging behaviors and fear. Children need to feel safe to learn.



Rita Pierson said, "Children don't learn from someone who doesn't like them". We must find joy in each child because every child learns best through healthy connection.

Tips for Supporting the Village At Home Connection:

Keep *The Little Engine That Could* mentality for yourself and for children. As caregivers and teachers, it's important to have determination and persistence in teaching young children the social and emotional skills they need to be successful in life and school. Then help your child practice these skills until they are successful in using them.

Related Resources & Links

[Preschoolers Grow Their Brain Article from Westons Schools](#)

[Every Kid Needs a Champion TedTalk from Rita Pierson](#)