



Consult 4 Kids publishes “Best Practices” each month to share what we’ve learned about high-quality, youth-centered programs.

Set the tone when you greet the students at the very beginning of program.

Set up a protocol for transitions (work through the protocol with your students)

Set up a protocol for transitions or other routine aspects of your program, then work through the protocol with your students.

Staff should work together to ensure that every parent is “touched” at least once a week with a positive comment about his/her child. The praise needs to be specific and targeted, not gross and gratuitous. An example of a good praise is: “Shelly really focused on her math homework today and was able to help Joey who was struggling with one of the problems.”