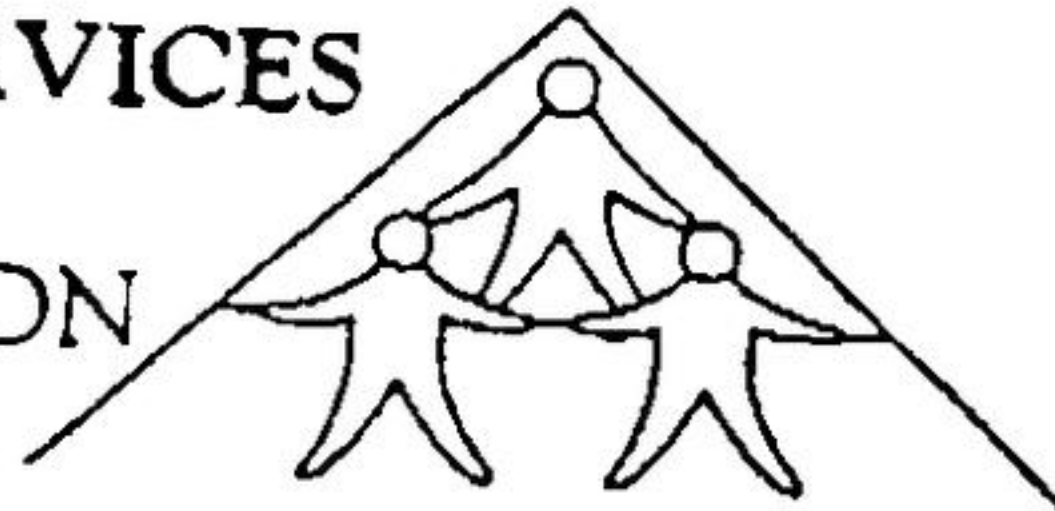


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Any seniors interested in being part of the planning committee, can join meetings in Acton every first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The committee holds their Acton meetings in our offices, at 19 Willow St. N. and this location is wheelchair accessible. Georgetown meetings are held on every third Tuesday of the month at the Town of Halton Hills Civic Centre on Trafalgar Road, Georgetown. For more information call Gerry Tuffin at 877-8933. Why not get involved and take part in something that is run by seniors in the community for seniors in the community?

**Scout Week activities**

Guide - Scout Week will be observed from February 16 to 23, 1992. Parent and son banquets and church parades will take place as follows:

- February 16 - 1st Glen Williams, 9:30 a.m. at St. John's United, Glen Williams.
  - February 16 - 1st Georgetown, 11:00 a.m. at St. John's United Church, Georgetown.
  - February 16 - 2nd Georgetown, 11:00 a.m. at St. George's Anglican Church.
  - February 16 - 1st Hornby, 11:15 a.m. at Hillcrest United Church.
  - February 17 - 1st Acton, 3rd Acton, 6:45 p.m. at Robert Little School, Acton.
  - February 23 - 4th Georgetown, 9:45 a.m. at St. Andrew's United Church.
- Remember - Full uniform for church parades and Friday, February 21 full uniform for school.

**Parenting Tips**

*Georgetown Parent-Child Centre*

**Negative behavior**

By VALERIE CUNNINGHAM, R.N., B.A.

In a previous column three steps were suggested for the mom whose kid were "driving her crazy". She was looking for some guidelines to deal with seemingly chronic negative behavior. (Remember I promised you this quiz.)

The three steps are:

- a) 1. Isolate: put the child in his room.
2. Punish: take away his favorite toy.
3. Explain: tell the child all the reasons he should behave differently.

b. 1. Identify: what exactly is the offending behavior?

2. Frequency: how often does this happen?
3. Context: when and in what situation does this happen?

c. 1. Scream: just to get the child's attention.

2. Shake: your finger at the child.
3. Stamp: your feet, so he knows you are serious.

Answer "a" has one possibly useful aspect - that is, a "time out" or isolated period - in some instances. However we are talking about frequent negative behavior, so in this situation it may not be useful. You will know from other columns that again in this situation, punishment and explanation are not usually recommended.

Answer "c" may make you feel better, but do not be surprised when your toddler behaves the same way the next time she is frustrated... Not a good idea... a lesson I learned the hard way!

Answer "b" reviews the principles discussed in the previous column. The next step is to assess why the child displays this specific behavior. Some questions to ask ourselves include: Is she doing this for comfort and protection? Is it a copying response? Does he lack other ways of expressing himself or communicating? Is this behavior learned by example? (See answer "c".) Does the child have enough activity: or is he overstimulated?

Is his environment too restrictive; or is there too little structure? Remember we are not talking about occasional misbehavior. We are considering what the parent describes as frequent head banging, biting, hitting, inappropriate toilet habits, acts of defiance, crying or sullenness. That is when we would take the time to go through all these steps: what, how much, when and why.

Valerie Cunningham, a paediatric nurse in independent practice, offers a variety of parenting courses, workshops and private consultations. She may be reached at 877-6398.

**Police Beat**

**Single Car Crash**

A hydro pole split in half after an Oakville woman's car went out of control and hit it head on. Police report the 1991 Chevy was travelling at a high rate of speed when the crash happened at 17 Sideroad at Tenth Line. The car continued to roll after the impact

and was demolished. The woman sustained minimal injuries. No charges have been laid.

in the steering. Charges are pending.

**Break and Enter**

Police report that a trailer at 'Breezes Trailer Park' in Acton was broken into Jan. 20. A television and a stereo worth \$1000 were stolen in what is the second theft in three weeks. Out of the 100 trailers in the area, only one was burglarized. The trailers are closed for the winter and police saw no security on the grounds. Police have no suspects in the case.

**Vehicles damaged**

Two cars were severely damaged when a car driven by a Georgetown man hit a car parked at 39 Sargent Road. Police say the man's 1984 Chevy was travelling eastbound on the one-way street when it veered to the right and hit the 1991 Oldsmobile. Police report the man complained of a mechanical defect

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