**Expulsion Prevention Support**

1. “Expulsion should be the last resort, but unfortunately, it has become the first resort.” - Dr. Walter Gilliam PhD.

2. “Boys are 4 times likely to get kicked out of child care than girls.” - Early Childhood National Center

3. “Preschoolers are being expelled 3 times the rate of K-12 students.” - Early Childhood National Center

**Why Expulsions happen:**

- Children are in child care for extended periods of time.
- Teacher’s are stressed.
- Classroom’s have high enrollment numbers.

**Way’s to help Prevent Expulsion:**

1) Complete and turn in the Best of Care form to your child’s provider.

2) Develop and keep strong relationship’s with your child’s teacher and provider.

3) Call the Expulsion Prevention Support Line.

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**Prevent Suspension & Expulsion’s From Child Care!**

- Parent’s/Guardian’s are constantly called to pick up their child due to disruptive behavior. This results in parents potentially losing their job or missing work.

**What is the Difference between “Suspension” & “Expulsion”?**

- "In School Suspension” could look like: Discipline a child by sending the child out of the classroom, such as the director’s office.

- "Out-of-School Suspension” could look like: Asking a family member to pick up their child early because of behavioral issues (e.g. biting, kicking, hitting).

- "Expulsion” could look like: Telling a family member that they will need to find another child care arrangement/center because the child is not a "good fit" for the program or that the program can "no longer" support their toddler or preschoolers.

- "Soft Expulsion” could look like: Asking the family repeatedly to pick their child up early because of behavior issues, requiring them to leave or miss work frequently.”

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