Positive Reinforcement

Counselors give daily awards during the morning discussion.
Children earn bonus points each hour during Point Checks.

Children can earn Recess for appropriate behavior.

Parents reward positive Daily Report Cards at home.
Children earn Fun Friday activities based on weekly behavior.

Children spend points at the Point Store each week.

Public Charts display children's progress.
Honor Roll is the highest-level reward.

End of Summer Awards

Social Reinforcement
**When to use Social Reinforcement**

- When awarding points
- When providing social rewards
- Following any other positive behavior

**Content of Social Reinforcement**

- Specific reference to the behavior
- Not general “good job”

**Application of Social Reinforcement**

- Consistency among staff
- Consistency from day to day
- The intensity of the reinforcement should match the importance of the behavior
- The importance of a behavior will vary from child to child
**Modulation of Social Reinforcement**

- Use shaping or successive approximation for incremental improvement over initial levels

- Increase rate of positive reinforcement for children who exhibit high rates of negative behavior (i.e., change threshold)

**Style of Social Reinforcement**

- Slightly elevated voice, positive affect
- Appropriate facial and physical gestures
- Genuine, not rote

**Modeling Social Reinforcement**

- Provide social reinforcement to other counselors as models to children