



I can succeed.

Encouraging mastery means focusing on what a child can do. When we focus on supporting children to develop and improve their skills instead of focusing on what they are doing “wrong”, we develop and nurture a sense of pride in mastery that encourages them to want to learn and do more.

Whether at home, in a child care setting or school, on a sports team or in a club, becoming good at something takes time and encouragement. As the adult in a child’s life, please:

- Set aside time to help a young person understand your corrections and time to let them “try it again”.
- Consider your attitude, tone of voice, and method for teaching and corrections; you need a big dose of patience when teaching anyone new skills.

We all learn best from someone we trust and with whom we have relationship; cherish the role you play in any young person's life.

