

HELPING YOUR CHILD DURING DENTAL TREATMENT

- You are welcome to be in the room with your child to **OBSERVE** their care.
- Children respond best when you do/remember the following:
 1. **STAY SEATED** (parents on their feet give children the feeling that there is something to be concerned about).
 2. **LET THE DOCTOR AND HIS ASSISTANT DO THE TALKING TO YOUR CHILD** (children will attempt to engage you to avoid engaging in dental treatment).
 3. **IT IS OK IF YOUR CHILD CRIES.**
 4. **THE DOCTOR MAY USE AN URGENT TONE** (if your child is upset or not cooperating, Dr. Wade's tone and body posture may change UNTIL your child is calm and safe).
 5. **OUR FIRST GOAL IS YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY!** As difficult as it may be, please stay seated and quiet. Understand that caring for children is our specialty and what we do every day. Our doctors use tried and true techniques.
 6. If you need to ask a question after treatment has begun, discreetly get the assistant or Doctor's attention and speak quietly.
 7. **CHILDREN EASILY SENSE YOUR TENSION.** If you feel tense, you will do your child a favor by waiting outside the treatment room. There is a family waiting room just down the hall. You can come and check on your child through the window in the door.
 8. **IF YOU HAVE SIBLINGS WITH YOU, PLEASE WAIT WITH THEM IN THE FAMILY WAITING ROOM.** The child being treated needs our undivided attention.