

# Consult 4 Kids

## Great schools and programs don't happen by accident.

A free gift from one youth-serving professional to another — practical ideas you can use Monday to improve outcomes for the kids you serve.

### Gifted Gifts

- Post the plan where kids can see it — clarity prevents chaos.
- Open and close each day with the same simple routine.
- Praise the effort, name the behavior; specific beats general.
- Give a quiet kid a job — contribution builds belonging.
- Keep transitions short and signaled; the gaps cause the trouble.

### Trade Tricks

- Build relationships first — kids learn from people they trust.
- Plan for the win: scaffold so every child can succeed.
- Notice the quiet ones; the loudest need isn't always the greatest.

#### CYNDEE'S CURE

Dreading the kid who pushes every button? Get curious instead of furious. Behavior is communication — ask what need it's meeting. Solve the need and the behavior often solves itself.

#### BRETT'S BEST

Relationships are the strategy, not the warm-up. Spend the first weeks building trust and you'll spend the rest of the year teaching instead of managing.

*Consider these our gift to you — freely given, no strings. If they helped, there's more waiting when you're ready.*