

# What Every Child Needs

**fun** Take time to laugh and play and share the wonders of life with me.

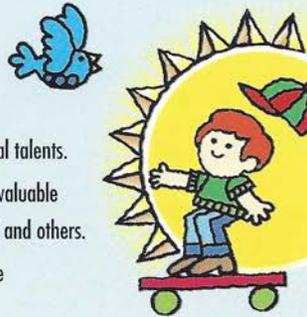
**affection** Warm hugs will nurture me and make this world a friendlier place.

**acceptance** Appreciate me for the individual I am, with all my unique gifts and special talents.

**respect** Treat me like an important and valuable person and I will learn to respect and honor myself and others.

**praise** Tell me all the things you appreciate about me so I know how wonderful I really am.

**security** Give me boundaries that will allow me to grow safely, feel secure and overcome my fears.



**honesty** Share your real feelings and admit your mistakes to me, so I will learn what it means to be a real person.

**patience** Be understanding when I make my own mistakes; remember, even when it does not seem like it, I am trying to do my best.

**forgiveness** Remind me that nobody is perfect and that it feels much better to forgive than hold a grudge.

**encouragement** Support me and be positive as I try new things and I will have the courage to keep exploring.

**openness** Listen to me and be open to what you may be able to learn from me.

**love** If you care for me in all these ways, you will be giving me the best life has to offer.

