

Why Quality Child Care Matters

Childhood Development

Children's experiences early in life have a profound impact on their future development and well-being. High quality programs can have an extraordinary and long-lasting impact on a child's development and success in life.

Children who attend quality child care programs as an extension to their time with family have been proven to:

- Be more ready for school: children who receive quality child care enter Kindergarten with better math, language and social skills.
- Gain a sense of self and confidence through play, exploration and experimentation.
- Have increased empathy and understanding of the other person they are playing with.
- And much more....

Benefits of Quality Child Care

When parents have access to child care for their children, there are multiple benefits for the family and society as a whole. Parents are shown to be more motivated, focused and productive employees when they are confident their children are in high quality child care.

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Relationships

Programs encourage meaningful and supportive relationships between educators, children, and families. Collaboration and respect are valued and evident in all interactions. All children and families experience a sense of belonging.

Inclusive

All children and their families are valued and celebrated. Inclusive programs help us to learn.

Learning is Visible

Children's daily learning experiences are documented shared and displayed. Learning is visible by observing children engaged in meaningful and appropriate play. Educators use observation and documentation to have a deeper understanding of children's interests, strengths and learning styles.

High Quality Educator

Quality Educators use a warm, responsive, and inclusive approach to build positive relationships with children, families, colleagues, and communities. Knowledgeable educators get involved in play with children to support development, challenge thinking and extend learning.

Community Connections

Opportunities to engage with people, places and the natural world in the local environment help children, families, educators, and communities build connections learn, discover and make contributions to the world around them.

Indoor and Outdoor Environments

Children thrive in indoor and outdoor spaces that invite them to investigate, imagine, think, create, solve problems, and make meaning from their experiences. Connecting to the natural world contributes to children's mental, physical, emotional, spiritual health, and well-being.

Responsive Leadership

Challenges are anticipated before they arise, and proactive measures taken to face them. The program offers opportunities for collaboration to design and evaluate programs and policies.