

Child Care Professionals Code of Excellence

Providing a safe and healthy environment for children.

Responding to the need to offer age appropriate activities based on the knowledge of child development.

Offering nutritious meals, in a positive, relaxed atmosphere.

Varying play and encouraging exploration in both indoor and outdoor areas.

Interacting with children in a positive manner, that is responsive to individual needs, enhances children's self confidence and facilitates learning.

Developing the family child care business by establishing policies, maintaining records and sharing information with parents.

Experiencing professional growth opportunities through participation in seminars, conferences, support groups and professional associations.

Respecting and following state and local family child care regulations.

Sensitivity to issues of diversity in culture, ethnicity, gender, abilities and family structure.

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