

Illoura Child Care and Education Centre Philosophy

OUR AIM IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTACHMENT IN THE EARLY YEARS. BUILDING CHILDREN'S SELF ESTEEM AND GIVING CHILDREN A SENSE OF BELONGING.

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1. In relation to CHILDREN:

"We believe children learn through play - We strive for play to be a fundamental foundation in all we do."

Through play children gain feelings of empowerment, become skillful communicators, display positive social interactions and therefore, become successful learners.

Staff respect all children's diverse backgrounds and cultures and ensure ALL children are valued and acknowledged, giving each the essential sense of belonging.

"We are dedicated to practicing an anti bias approach to all children in our care."

2. In relation to the ENVIRONMENT:

"We believe children learn best in a healthy and natural environment."

We take pride in providing programs that embrace the importance of healthy eating and physical activity and endeavour to provide success-oriented learning environments that encourage self reflection, problem solving and decision making skills.

Children are provided with natural play spaces, that allow opportunities to explore the sense of wonder and belonging nature brings with it.

"We believe it is critical for children to develop respectful, positive attitude towards protecting our environment."

3. In relation to FAMILIES:

"We believe having a strong and respectful partnership between families and staff is the key to happy, healthy children."

While we respect that life is busy we encourage family participation in all aspects of our centre.

We embrace the many wonderful traditions our families bring to the centre and we promote the importance of tolerance and acceptance. Staff and management of the center encourage open and honest communication at all times, thus building trusting relationships

"We believe in trusting and respectful relationships with families and embrace the uniqueness of each brings to our centre".

4. In relation to the COMMUNITY:

"We believe children, families and staff are capable, resourceful and valued members of our community".

We live in a multicultural society, which enables us to use the community as a resource. We are committed to forming close bonds with the local community to ensure each child, family and staff member feels a sense of belonging and connectedness.

We strive to work collaboratively with other members of the community to ensure the most positive outcomes for the children.

"We believe that being part of a diverse community brings with it a responsibility to our children and families to establish and maintain a sense of belonging in our local community".