



Program Aim and Philosophy

Refers to Accreditation Quality Area 4: Programming and Evaluation

Communities @ Work School Age Care Programs aim to provide environments where each child will feel safe and protected with opportunities to develop physically, socially and emotionally. There will be open communication between families, staff and management. The needs of each family will be acknowledged sensitively and respectfully.

Children will be guided in a manner that reflects and supports sound values, beliefs and understanding of others. The program will provide experiences that acknowledge and value the social, intellectual and cultural characteristics of each child. Children will be supported to form and sustain positive respectful relationships and to have positive self respect. Independence, initiative and positive attitudes will be encouraged.

The understanding of middle childhood will assist in:

- planning activities to help children be more independent and have fun
- helping you to feel good about what you do as a provider, and
- helping children be successful and to feel good about themselves

The program will provide children with opportunities to explore, create and experiment in a variety ways, knowing that play is the process by which children learn. Good play opportunities are vital to the full development of the child

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