

## **PHILOSOPHY**

A centre's philosophy is a clear written statement of its policies, aims, values and beliefs on children's development, care and education. It also reflects the centre's commitment to centre-family collaboration and staff development.

# Centre's Philosophy

The philosophy statement of a centre highlights:

- its beliefs and values in providing for children's development, care and education;
- the importance of an environment which supports meaningful learning with inclusion of children with special needs;
- the provision of a safe and healthy environment for children and staff;
- the importance of appropriate curriculum goals for current and future needs of children within the community;
- the promotion of staff development, professionalism and good centre management; and
- the building of sound interpersonal relationships among staff, children, families and community partners with an emphasis on promoting inter-generational bonding and multi-culturalism.



The centre's philosophy is displayed on the parents' bulletin board.

The centre's philosophy is constantly reviewed to keep pace with emerging trends in early childhood care and education.

## A Sample of a Good Philosophy

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We have a commitment to provide quality service which fosters an attitude of mutual respect, open relationship and support between staff, children, families and management.

Children from the various ethnic backgrounds and their family members will be encouraged to be involved in the service according to their needs, interest and opportunities.

We believe that children need to be treated as individuals and feel safe and secure, with opportunities for learning through play, interacting with others, and being involved in making decisions.

We ensure and encourage the provision of a safe, secure, hygienic and positive environment for staff, families and children.

We aim to integrate children with additional needs into our service/programme.

We encourage all staff to work effectively as a team, continually updating their skills, knowledge and interest through formal and informal development.

We aim to develop and maintain strong links within the local community by acknowledging and incorporating the resources available.