

GUIDANCE: Examples for Infant and Toddler Quality

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<p>FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORKS</p> <p>Rationale: Infants and toddlers are more likely to be cared for in family child care homes for a variety of reasons: home-like environment, close proximity to the child's home, flexibility in the hours of operation, meeting the needs of parents working nontraditional hours.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop networks to provide outreach, technical assistance and ongoing support to family child care providers. 	<p>The Creative Curriculum® for Family Child Care, Second Edition (With ENGLISH LearningGames®)</p> <p>The Creative Curriculum® for Family Child Care, Second Edition (With SPANISH LearningGames®)</p> <p>LearningGames® Family Child Care Set (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>Reading Right From the Start: What Parents Can Do in the First Five Years (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>Math Right From the Start: What Parents Can Do in the First Five Years (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>Building Your Baby's Brain: A Parent's Guide to the First Five Years (English) (Spanish)</p>

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<p>TRAINING CURRICULUM</p> <p>Rationale: Pre-service and continuous training of providers will provide the knowledge and skills needed to appropriately care for infants and toddlers.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in pre-service and ongoing training that includes the care and development of infants and toddlers, and the identification of children exposed to violence or who are victims of child abuse and neglect. 	<p>Video Training:</p> <p>Bigger Than Books Video Training: Strategies for Interactive Reading</p> <p>First Steps Video Training: Supporting Language Development With Infants, Toddlers & Twos</p> <p>Hand in Hand Video Training: The Child Who Doesn't Play</p> <p>Kindergarten, Here I Come! Video Training: Boosting Confidence About Starting School</p> <p>Play Power Video Training: Strategies to Support Learning Through Play</p> <p>The Power of Positive Communication CD-ROM: Communication Skills That Change Classrooms</p> <p>Preventing Discipline Problems Video Training: Proactive Strategies for Classroom</p> <p>Reframing Discipline Video Training: Real Strategies for Guiding Children's Behavior</p> <p>Starting Points Video Training: Teaching English-Language Learners</p> <p>Super Groups Video Training: Creating Engaging Group Times</p> <p>TrainerVision Video Clip Library: Instructive Video Clips</p> <p>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool in Action bilingual DVD and User's Guide</p> <p>Celebrating Language and Literacy for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, DVD</p> <p>Professional Development Sessions:</p> <p>Progressing With Implementation: Responsive Planning for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos</p> <p>Progressing With Implementation: Supporting the Development and Learning of Infants, Toddlers, and Twos</p> <p>On-Site Professional Development: Customized Sessions</p>

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<p>PURCHASE EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS</p> <p>Rationale: New recruits or current providers may need start-up or set-up materials to provide a safe and nurturing setting for infants and toddlers.</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide mini-grants to providers for the purchase of equipment and materials such as cribs, toys, and developmental supplies. 	<p>Math Kit #1: Number, Geometry, and Data</p> <p>Math Kit #2: Patterns and Measurement</p> <p>Literacy Kit Box #1: Guided Learning—Listening & Speaking</p> <p>Literacy Kit Box #2: Guided Learning—Reading & Writing</p> <p>Literacy Kit Box #3: Independent Explorations—Library</p> <p>Literacy Kit Box #4: Independent Explorations—Interest Areas</p>

GUIDANCE: Quality Expansion Activities

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<p>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPENSATION</p> <p>One of the best indicators of quality in early childhood programs is a high level of provider training, education and professional development of providers. Research also shows that consistent care—where the child is able to build a relationship with the provider over time—is key to quality. Investments in professional development and increased compensation help to promote employee retention and reduce turnover.</p> <p>A variety of approaches have included: the development of professional publications; a director's credential, scholarships for educators; distance learning opportunities, and incentives for providers to attain accreditation through appropriate recognized bodies.</p>	<p>eCDA</p> <p>Caring for Children in Family Child Care (Volume 1) (Volume 2)</p> <p>A Trainer's Guide to Caring for Children in Family Child Care</p> <p>Caring for Infants & Toddlers, Second Edition</p> <p>Skill-Building Journal: Caring for Infants & Toddlers, Second Edition</p> <p>Trainer's Guide: Caring for Infants & Toddlers, Second Edition</p> <p>Caring for Preschool Children, Third Edition</p> <p>Skill-Building Journal: Caring for Preschool Children, Third Edition</p> <p>Trainer's Guide: Caring for Preschool Children, Third Edition</p> <p>The Power of Positive Communication CD-ROM: Communication Skills That Change Classrooms</p>

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<p>MENTAL HEALTH</p> <p>Child care programs can promote healthy emotional development of young children by informing and guiding child care providers and families in ways that encourage sensitive and age-appropriate care. Training and technical assistance of providers in the area of mental health supports the early identification and intervention with children that have been exposed who reflect the ill effects of exposure to violence, substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, or other emotional and behavioral problems. Linkages between child care and mental health can play a key role in linking families to mental health services.</p>	<p>Hand in Hand Video Training: The Child Who Doesn't Play</p>
<p>SPECIAL NEEDS/INCLUSIVE CHILD CARE</p> <p>Access to resources, professional development activities, and technical assistance is key to providing appropriate care for all children, including children with special needs.</p>	<p>On-Site Professional Development: Customized Sessions</p>

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<p>INFANT AND TODDLER PROGRAMS</p> <p>Recent brain research studies tell us reveal that warm, responsive child care is critical to the development of young children. We know that the quality of young children's experiences in the first three years of life has a decisive, long lasting impact on their well-being and ability to learn. In response to this information and with the additional funding available to States to increase the supply of quality care for infants and toddlers, States have targeted specific activities for infants and toddlers. Activities include: training of child care providers, program linkages with Head Start and Early Head Start Programs, utilizing health consultants in child care programs, providing start-up grants to providers for equipment and supplies.</p>	<p>The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, Second Edition (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>The Teaching Strategies Infants, Toddlers & Twos Room Set (English) (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers & Twos Developmental Continuum Assessment Toolkit (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>Our Program for Infants, Toddlers & Twos: A Parent's Guide (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>Bigger Than Books Video Training: Strategies for Interactive Reading</p> <p>First Steps Video Training: Supporting Language Development With Infants, Toddlers & Twos</p> <p>Reading Right From the Start: What Parents Can Do in the First Five Years (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>Math Right From the Start: What Parents Can Do in the First Five Years (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>Building Your Baby's Brain: A Parent's Guide to the First Five Years (English) (Spanish)</p>
<p>QUALITY ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT CULTURAL DIVERSITY</p> <p>The changing demographics of communities has led to a heightened awareness and commitment by on the part of states to ensure culturally competent child care systems. A culturally diverse child care setting enriches the quality and educational experience for all children enrolled.</p>	<p>The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, Second Edition (English) (Spanish)</p> <p>Starting Points Video Training: Teaching English-Language Learners</p>