

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICE

in your classroom

What is DAP

- Grounded in research on how young children learn.
- Connects real world experiences and opportunities to gain new skills through hands on play.
- Meets children where they are, by building on prior knowledge and sets them up for future learning.
- Builds on child's strengths.
- Recognizes children as unique individuals.
- Provide each child with opportunities to be successful and engage in joyful learning.
- Builds respectful and mutual relationships with child's caregivers.
- Curriculum is rooted in goals.



Infant Art



Toddlers

How to Apply

- Know where your children are by assessment and observation.
- Scaffold lessons and activities to meet all children's needs. Differentiate teaching approaches based on the child's interest, knowledge and skills.
- Ask questions to further a child's learning and provide new information.
- Provide a variety of hands on experiences and be involved and responsive in the play.
- Build and plan the curriculum around all areas of development including: physical, social, emotional, cognitive, linguistic, math, social studies, art and music.
- Hold yourself to professional and ethical standards as a ECE professional

Relationships

To teach well, and be effective we must first have a secure, responsive relationship with all our children.

Learning cannot take place without a relationship.

Relationships are the most important thing we do.