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Asking the Right Questions

Children are notorious for asking lots of questions, right? Well, did you know that it is just as important for us adults to ask children questions, as well? It is! But, some questions are more beneficial to children's development than others. Asking children "yes or no" questions is similar to answering multiple-choice questions on a quiz; you don't have to actually *know* the answer to get it right. You can use a complete guess on a "yes or no" question, and still have a 50% chance of being correct. That doesn't seem very meaningful to our learning experience. When asking children questions, it's important to remember that it's not always about the child getting the question "right". The most important thing is that you ask children questions that help them self-explore, compare and contrast, or develop critical thinking skills. Asking open-ended questions will help add value to the entire inquiry experience.

Instead of asking this...

- "Do you like the story?"
- "Was that activity fun?"
- "Are you enjoying your book?"
- "Did your science experiment work?"
- "What are you drawing a picture of?"

Ask this instead...

- "What is another way this story could have ended?"
- "What is a different way we could do this activity?"
- "What is something you like about the main character in the story?"
- "What could have made this experiment work better?"
- "Tell me a story about your picture."

Why is it so important to ask children open-ended questions?

- Helps children share feelings & ideas
- Builds creativity
- Creates engagement
- Develops vocabulary and language skills

Why are "yes or no" response questions not as beneficial?

- Don't stimulate curiosity
- Don't require higher-level thinking
- Don't help develop reasoning skills
- Teaches children that there are only two possible answers

By changing the way we ask questions, we can help children develop individual thought processes that will be invaluable to his or her future success. Giving children the confidence to form opinions and make thoughtful decisions, simply by asking open-ended questions, is an easy way to ensure that each child will have the opportunity to have his or her voice heard in the future.

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NEW SUMMER HOURS

Our Summer office hours will change to
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Monday through Friday.
We will resume our regular hours
beginning October 1st.

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Monthly Training Opportunities

CCDF Health & Safety Training (Earns 3 clock hours)

- Thursday, July 16th, Educare Office, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 15th, Educare Office, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 10 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION

Go to: www.moworkshopcalendar.org

The following trainings are available upon referral or request:

- ◆ CCBIS TRAINING
- ◆ CCDF TRAINING
- ◆ CHILD CARE SUBSIDY ORIENTATION
- ◆ ATTENDANCE & PAYMENT ACCURACY TRAINING
- ◆ CHILD CARE ONLINE INVOICE SYSTEM TRAINING
- ◆ PRE-REGISTRATION ORIENTATION

Provider Advisory Group Meetings for July & August

“Look Before You Lock”

Thursday, July 23rd, 6:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Avoid a tragedy by “looking before you lock”. Join us for information regarding children and vehicle safety.

“Open House—Get Ready for School”

Thursday, August 13th, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Visit our office and take advantage of our resource center in preparation for the upcoming school year. Available services include laminating, die cutting, book binding, and art waxing. These services will be free of charge during this event only. You may use our supply of construction paper, felt, or foam — or feel free to bring your own.

See next page for a current list of die cuts we offer.

Both events will be held in the Educare office located at 1101 Weber Rd., Suite 202, in Farmington. No clock hours are offered for this meeting. Call 573-760-0212 to register.

EDUCARE RESOURCE CENTER

Our die-cut collection includes:

- Various animals, including: bear, bird, cat, cow, dog, duck, elephant, fish, frog, giraffe, horse, lion, monkey, pig, rabbit, sheep, squirrel, turkey, turtle, and more
- Alphabet
- Numbers
- Shapes
- Various borders and bookmarks
- Food, including: apple, banana, grapes, lemon, orange, strawberry, and more
- Garden set
- Hands
- Holiday/Seasonal, including: angel, Christmas tree, Easter egg, gingerbread man, hearts, pumpkin, Santa, shamrock, snowman, leaves
- Insects, including: bee, beetle, dragonfly, grasshopper, scorpion, spider, and more
- Picture frames
- Transportation, including: airplane, ambulance, bulldozer, caboose, car, cement truck, dump truck, fire engine, helicopter, train, police car, sailboat, pickup truck
- Weather, including: clouds, lightning bolts, raindrop, snowflake, sun, star

And MANY more!



As adults, it can be easy to forget how big the world around us may seem to a child. It's important for us to provide our children with opportunities to explore the world around them. Even just watching rain run down the outside of a window can be a mesmerizing experience to a child who has never seen it before. These small opportunities for our children to observe and discover should be both intentional and encouraged. To learn more about this topic, and how to create *Nature Exploration Zones* for your children, visit the Community Playthings online blog.

You may find the article here, by typing the following link into your web browser:

<http://www.communityplaythings.com/resources/articles/2020/curating-creativity-in-outdoor-environments>

Or, by going to www.communityplaythings.com and typing in "Curating Creativity in Outdoor Environments" in the search bar at the top of the page.



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Training Opportunities

FOR STATEWIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, VISIT: www.moworkshopcalendar.org

CCDF Health & Safety Training (Earns 3 clock hours)

Wednesday, July 16th
6:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 15th
9:00-12:00 p.m.

Educare of St. Francois County
1101 Weber Rd., Training Room 102

Online registration required at:
www.moworkshopcalendar.org

Registration limited to 10 participants

Introduction to Early Childhood Social & Emotional Health

Thursday, August 20th
6:30-8:30 p.m. (2 clock hours)

An introduction to Early Childhood Social and Emotional Development and how what you do every day is important to the growth and development of the children in your care.
Outcomes/ Benefits: Upon completion of this training, you should have a better understanding of brain development, types of temperament, goodness of fit, social and emotional development milestones, attachment, emotional regulation, and how you can support emotional regulation and social and emotional health.

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