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Upcoming Opportunities

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Tips for Creating a Day Care Family
Adapted from Back to School: Why Creating Classroom Community is So Important
A blog post from Katie Kane found on naeyc.org

It is important for children to experience being part of a group, regulating their emotions, and working through tricky social conflicts in order to really learn cognitive material like math concepts and early literacy skills. Creating a day care environment where children feel empowered and invested is done through active practice with social and emotional learning. The following are some tips to assist you in creating a community within your home or center program.

1. Create a culture based on community: this will enable teamwork, cooperation, a willingness to negotiate, and the ability to draw in on one another’s skills.
2. Co-create rules with children
   a. Nurtures a feeling of ownership and accountability.
   b. Always phrased in the affirmative: example, “we use kind voices with one another” and “It’s okay to make mistakes.”
3. Focus on Trust and Relationships
   a. Play games and do projects that require children to learn about one another’s similarities and differences.
   b. Fosters skills for future teamwork.
4. Allow apple time for unstructured play
   a. This allows children to form their own networks and connections and explore conflict resolution skills.
5. Give children a say
   a. Allow children to have some influence over decisions related to curriculum topics, parts of the daily schedule, and the physical space around them.
   b. Resist the urge to micromanage play and activities as children will benefit from working together and learn important cooperation skills.

“A strong classroom (or daycare) community is one in which children feel empowered and valued, and on in which children will ultimately thrive.”