



Southgate Medallion Tribute

Welcome to January newsletter for our Educators.

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Core training is delivered online through Zoom. Please feel free to register by emailing your Consultant.

Core is available for all educators.

May this year bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements, and many new inspirations to your life. Wishing you a year fully loaded with happiness.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!

Assessments and ITP'S

As we start a new year, we will be focusing on setting new goals to provide quality early learning and child care. When you choose goals for yourself they become meaningful to the work you do. When your work is meaningful, you are more engaged and motivated. Your Consultant will review 2020 with you through a Provider Assessment and she will set new goals with you in January or February for 2022.

Let's work together to provide quality child care!

CORE TRAINING	ZOOM
	630PM-830PM
Standards	Jan 19
Communication	Feb 16
Business practices	March 16

Coordinator corner

REMINDER

Attendance sheets are due on January 31, 2022.

On behalf of the Agency I would like to wish you all a Happy 2022!

The ECE community has experienced many changes in the past two years, and 2022 doesn't look like it's slowing down. With the announcement of the \$10 a day childcare agreement, there is great anticipation as we begin this new year as to what that will look like for all involved. The agency will continue to keep you updated as soon as we are made aware of any new changes happening.

VIRTUAL WEBINAR

It has felt like a very long time since we all met as a group to launch Vision 2020. It seems like even the best made plans didn't take into account a global pandemic, the dissolution of Accreditation, vaccines...need I go on? With that being said, we feel it has been long enough and now is the time to host a virtual webinar for all of you amazing day home educators who have been working so hard throughout this pandemic to provide safe and quality childcare to families. Watch this space for a date and more details!

CHILD CARE PROVIDER



What parents think we do!



What our spouses think we do!



What our licensors think we do!



What other professionals think we do!



What our day care children think we do!



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Inspiring Spaces for Children

In this article we will learn about creating inspiring spaces for young children by using the 7 principles of design.

What are the benefits of inspiring places:

- Decreases negative behaviours
- Increases focus and attention
- It enhances involvement
- It is less stressful for children and adults.

7 principles of design are:

1. **Nature:** It instills beauty. Add plants, flowers, greenery and nature to your environment in your play space. It helps children to calm down. Other natural materials that can be added are tree pods, pine cones, sea shells, sticks, river rocks, driftwood, bamboo pieces, wicker baskets, woven placements, terra cotta, wood and tiles pieces, wooden bowls, pottery, textile.
2. **Color:** use colors intentionally in your play space. Avoid bright colors. Choose natural and soft tones instead.
3. **Furnishing Defines Space:** furnish your space where children can get more engaged with each other.
4. **Texture:** it adds depth. Visual and physical texture increases children's visual, spatial and physical skills. Install both physical and visual texture into built environment.
5. **Displays Enhances Environment:** Display children's work with honor in an orderly environment and at children's level.
6. **Elements—Heighten Ambiance:** infuse space with several types of ambiance such as light, sound and smell.
7. **Focal point Attracts Attention:** Children's visual viewpoints are important to their interactions with the environment. Position taller pieces of furniture to outside perimeters of room. Eliminate furniture at the entry to create transparency.

More tips for inspiring spaces in day home:

- Visit your space every 1—2 months and make changes if needed.
- Have enough toys out for all age groups. Rotate toys every 2—3 weeks. Don't overstock the toys.
- Have toys available for children in bins and labelled. Labels must have pictures and be bi—lingual.
- Have toys accessible to children at all times (age appropriate).

In the coming months we will be revisiting centers in all day homes and redesigning our day home spaces.

References: Power point— Designing Young Children's Environments—Breaking the Aesthetics Code by Sundra Duncan, EdD.

[spaces for young children day home s - Bing images](#)



In this picture you can see the use of natural light and circular table for easy conversation.

Welcome to New Educators

Please join us in welcoming Irene Valle, Sharon Howe and Shiyong Duan to the agency.