



# Early Learning Program

## Philosophy & Parent Expectations

For Children of Students Enrolled in Casino Road Academy Classes

### **Purpose:**

Our Early Learning Program is designed to provide meaningful learning for children ages 1-5 years old while their parents are in Adult Education classes through the Casino Road Adult Education Academy. Our dual-generation approach helps prepare children for kindergarten while giving their parents opportunities to learn and grow.

### **Goals & Skills:**

Daily activities will help children become more prepared for preschool and kindergarten, and are focused on these skills:

Socialization: playing and working with others, following routines and directions, participating in group activities such as circle time & craft projects.

Language: using words to express their ideas, their wants and needs, as well as English language skills through conversation, singing, and story-time.

Gross & small motor: running, jumping, kicking in outdoor playtime, writing, drawing, cutting, pouring, and creative activities.

Cognitive: learning & practicing numbers, counting, math concepts, identifying letters and words, shapes, writing, and pre-reading skills, listening to and talking about story books.

### **Volunteers:**

We welcome volunteers to spend time with the children, and assist the childcare staff. If you are interested in volunteering in the childcare room at a time before or after your class, please contact Meg Fuell, Casino Road Academy Child Care Coordinator.

### **Parent Expectations:**

*The physical and emotional safety and wellbeing of your children is our top priority. Please respect these expectations at all times.*

1. A child's parent must be enrolled and regularly attend classes at the CRAEA in order to access the Early Learning Program.
2. Parents must remain at the Children's Village location at 14 E Casino Road at all times while their child is in the YMCA Early Learning Program.
3. Parent must complete a "YMCA Registration and Release Form," which provides emergency contact information, and keep it updated for our files, as well as information on any health or social needs or concerns of your child. This information is kept confidential.
4. Children play outside most days, so always dress them appropriately for the weather with coat and shoes.
5. If your child does not feel well, or has had fever, vomiting, diarrhea or rash, keep them at home until they have been free of these conditions for at least 24 hours.



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6. The YMCA will provide a healthy snack to all the children so please don't send in a snack with your child. This is not a meal so please make sure your child has eaten breakfast or lunch before coming to school. Notify us immediately if your child has any allergies.
7. Parents with young babies (not walking /talking) are encouraged to keep their babies with them in the classroom.
8. Childcare staff will notify a parent if their child needs a diaper change. Please keep your cell phone on vibrate but where you can respond quickly to your child's needs. Instructors understand your brief absence. Please wrap diapers in a plastic bag and deposit them in diaper cans only, not regular trash can.
9. We are sorry but we are not able to accommodate children older than 5 years old in our childcare. If your older children do not have school that day, please make other arrangements for your older kids, or enjoy the day at home with them.

### Drop Off Expectations:

1. Arrive no more than 10 minutes before your class time. If you arrive early, please spend that time with your child in a quiet activity so the staff can attend to the group they are caring for at the time.
2. Sign your child in, help your child put his/her coat in a cubby, and wash hands with your child
3. If your child brings a toy, encourage him/her to keep it in your bag or in the cubby so it doesn't get lost.
4. Make sure your child is engaged in something before leaving, and say good bye.

### Pick Up Expectations:

1. Please pick up your child as soon as possible after your class finishes. If you need to talk to your teacher, pick up your child first and then return to the classroom .
2. Sign your child out, help your child collect his/her things.
3. Be certain that one of the childcare staff sees you with your child before you leave.
4. If someone other than yourself will pick up your child early, please tell the childcare staff and complete the alternate pick up form.

Remember to hold your child's hand at all times when coming from and going to the parking lot.

### Questions or Feedback?

We welcome your ideas and suggestions as well as any concerns you may have about your children while in our care. Please talk to:

Lead Teacher: Rosa Asturias, Assistant Teacher: Elsa Perez or

CRA Child Care Coordinator: Meg Fuell (425-239-0813; [megfuell@gmail.com](mailto:megfuell@gmail.com))