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Murray's Little People

Meet the Teacher:

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For over 30 years, I have been working with children in various environments and situations. I've volunteered in a literacy program, as a Guardian Ad Litem, 7 years as a youth & rec senior head coach, and all types of events for children and/or teens.

In 2012, another coach and I started a youth & rec competitive cheer program for teens aging out of the standard youth & rec cheer programs. We are in our second season with over 40 teens aging from 14–19 years old in our program.

January of 1999, I opened a child care called "Murray Family Day Care"

which was open for over 12 years. I closed the child care down so I could gain more experience as a teacher. After a little over a year I am returning to child care with stronger skills in education and with creating an inclusive classroom for children with special needs.

Originally, I went into child care because I could not find quality care for my youngest sickly child. I was flabbergasted how much care providers didn't care for the children in their facility. So I went to work developing and creating a quality child care of my own.

Whether I am advocating, teaching, coaching or caring for I believe our children deserve more. Just like a doctor or fireman you need to have a passion for your job. When you do, it makes a huge difference to the people or little people you come into contact with.

I look forward to meeting all the new families that come through our family child care doors.

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Definition of Early Childhood Inclusion

Early childhood inclusion embodies the values, policies, and practices that support the right of every infant and young child and his or her family, regardless of ability, to participate in a broad range of activities and contexts as full members of families, communities, and society. The desired results of inclusive experiences for children with and without disabilities and their families include a sense of belonging and membership, positive social relationships and friendships, and development and learning to reach their full potential. The defining features of inclusion that can be used to identify high quality early childhood programs and services are access, participation, and supports.



Requirements of Licensed Family Child Care

Licensed Family Day Care Home

Operator Requirements:

1. Good moral character based upon screening.
2. Must be at least 18 years old.
3. Must complete 30-hour family child care training (prior to caring for children).
4. Must complete 10-hour annual in-service training.
5. Must complete 0.5 continuing education unit or 5 clock hours of approved training in

early literacy and language development birth to 5 years of age.
6. Must be certified in first aid training and infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation



Did you know?

Only twelve counties currently have ordinances requiring the licensing of all family daycare homes. These counties are Alachua, Broward, Clay, Dade, Duval, Hillsborough, Nassau, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and St. John's. In the absence of an ordinance, licensure is voluntary.



Hands on activities increase understanding and comprehension of educational materials plus ideas.



Picture Exchange Communication System Overview

The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) was developed at the Delaware Autistic Program (DAP) and was designed to teach young children to communicate in a social context (Bondy & Frost, 1994; Frost & Bondy, 2002). Using PECS, learners are taught to give a picture of a desired item to a communicative partner in exchange for the

item. There are six phases of PECS instruction, with each phase building on the last. The phases are: (1) Teaching the physically assisted exchange, (2) Expanding spontaneity, (3) Simultaneous discrimination of pictures, (4) Building sentence structure, (5) Responding to, "What do you want?" and (6) Commenting in response to a ques-

tion.

PECS:



Picture Exchange Communication System Overview *cont.*

Evidence

Five studies were found to meet the evidence-based practice criteria and serve as the evidence base for PECS. Two of the studies were randomized, controlled group designs, and three were single subject studies demonstrating control through a variety of research designs including multiple baseline, alternating treatments, changing criterion, and withdrawal.

With what ages is PECS effective?

In the five studies documenting the evidence base for PECS, the youngest child was three years of age, and the oldest was twelve years old. Specific numbers of participants and age data can be found in the evidence base below.

What skills or intervention goals can be addressed by PECS?

In the evidence-base, communication, social, and behavior skills were the primary targets for intervention.

In what settings can PECS be effectively used?

The research evidence suggests that PECS can be used in multiple settings, including schools, homes, and therapy settings.

Murray's Little People - GOALS!

Our Goals

To work together, parent and provider, to care and meet the needs of every child.

Give parents the confidence and security of leaving their children in our care.

To value each child's uniqueness and their diverse backgrounds.

Provide staff that is committed and dedicated to educating children.

Create positive relationships between child, provider, and parents so there is a bond and trust.

Make each day a positive experience

Open communication and open door policies

Addressing issues properly and appropriately

Maintain health and safety regulations so children have clean and properly working equipment and other materials.

Continue to always incorporate appropriate materials and equipment so that each child has an opportunity to progress forward educationally.

Flexible schedule

Affordable child care



Enrollment Procedures

Listed below is a check list of items that need to be completed and turned in before child care can begin.

Read and sign that you have read the "Parent Handbook" and understand the contents.

Contract and Emergency form are both signed and notarized

Provider information sheet is completely filled out

A copy of the "blue" shot record form and "yellow" physical form (less than a year old) for child's file.

\$30.00 registration fee is paid upon acceptance into child care

****First two weeks of child care are considered a trial period for all families****

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Philosophy

Murray's Little People hold the purpose of offering quality child care that give parents the security and confidence to leave their children in our care. We value the uniqueness and diversity of each family and respect their individuality. In continuous effort, we try to have resources available to our families that help keep them moving forward and their needs met. The ultimate goal of our child care program is: "Empower children to become caring, competent, responsible citizens who value education for life." Welcome to our Family!

We're on the Web!

<http://murrayslittlepeople.weebly.com/>
