

Air Force Child Development Philosophy

The practices of the Air Force Child Development are based on current knowledge of child development and early childhood education. We are responsible for supporting the development of the whole child, meaning all areas of development are considered inter-related and equally important. Our program acknowledges that children learn through active, hands-on involvement with their environment, peers, and caring adults. We respect each child's unique interests, experiences, abilities, and needs, thus allowing us to be responsive to and appropriate for each child. Children are valued as individuals, as well as part of a group. Likewise, our program respects and supports the ideals, cultures, and values of families in their task of nurturing children. We advocate for children, families, and the early childhood professions within our programs.

Air Force Child Development Goals

Foster positive identity and sense of emotional well-being

Enhance social skills

Encourage children to think, reason, question, and experiment

Promote language and literacy development

Build physical development and skills

Support sound health, safety, and nutritional practices

Advance creative expression, representation, and appreciation for the arts

Appreciate and respect cultural diversity

Develop initiative and decision-making skills