**Competency Statement 3**

***Directions:****This Reflective Statement must relate directly to the Competency Standard III: Supporting children's social and emotional development*

The statement should be **no more**than **500 words** in length.

Begin with a paragraph describing how your teaching practices meet the Competency Standard III: Supporting children's social and emotional development. (Note: alternatively, you may also choose to write one paragraph for each Functional Area, if this makes it easier to express your thoughts more clearly.)

* Be sure to save this assignment to print off and include in your **Professional Portfolio**.

**Competency Standard III: To support social and emotional development and to provide positive guidance**

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| CDA Competency Standard III | Functional Areas | Definitions  |
| III. To support social and emotional development and to provide positive guidance | 8. Self 9. Social 10. Guidance | 8. Candidate develops a warm, positive, supportive, and responsive relationship with each child, and helps each child learn about and take pride in their own individual and cultural identity. 9. Candidate helps each child function effectively in the group, learn to express feelings, acquire social skills, and make friends, and promotes mutual respect among children and adults. 10. Candidate provides a supportive environment and uses effective strategies to promote children’s self-regulation and support acceptable behaviors, and effectively intervenes for children with persistent challenging behaviors. |

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