

Professional Portfolio



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Professional Philosophy Statement

Directions:

Your goal is to summarize your professional beliefs and values about early childhood education.

Identify your personal values and beliefs around teaching and learning: How do you believe young children learn? Based on this, explain what you believe your role is as their teacher/caregiver. Beyond teaching and learning, reflect and write about what you believe are the other important aspects of your role in the lives of children and families.

No more than 2 pages. Write or type this statement in the boxes on the following pages.

As an early learning educator, I believe my role far extends teaching children academics. I believe that the children in my care need to learn how to be people who can function properly in society. Small children are constantly dealing with big emotions that they do not always know how to deal with. My role in their lives helps them learn how to express their emotions in a healthy manner. I believe the best way to teach children how to be little adults is to lead by example. The children are constantly watching me and see my reactions to situations. The children watch me interact with other adults. If I treat others with respect, the children will learn to do the same.

Their brains are like sponges soaking up so much in each day. By watching all adults in their lives, children learn how to behave. Children practice these behaviors through play. Dramatic play is an important part of my classroom because this is how children practice these "grown up" interactions they witness each day. I enjoy watching the children play dramatically and stepping in when I see a teaching moment. Teaching children through play is realistic and easy for them to understand.

On top of guiding children into being functioning adults, I believe that my job is to love and nurture them when their parents cannot be with them. Children thrive when they feel loved and safe, so I make it my mission to allow that to happen for each child in my classroom. Parents take notice when their children are loved and taken care of in their absence. Having the trust of families is essential and a factor that I take very seriously. I earn this trust from parents by always being straight forward and honest with them and treating their children as I would want my own children treated in my absence.

