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NAEYC Standards

Naeyc Standard 2: Curriculum

The NAEYC standard two stands for curriculum which is very important as an educator. The program implements a curriculum that helps children accomplish their goals. The curriculum promotes learning and development in each of the following areas: social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive. As an educator what this standard means to me is crucial because we need a proper curriculum so that we can ensure that our children have the best education possible. Curriculum helps children develop their cognitive development skills because it helps the children work together in activities even through play which requires critical thinking. As an educator having a well planned curriculum it is a guide on what to teach the children and lead them into the right path of learning. The curriculum ensures that the children have daily activities and routines which can maximize a child's development skills. The curriculum can also be a guide to determine at what pace a child is learning. If a child seems to not understand a part in the curriculum it can show that we need to spend more time on that lesson in particular. This is a good thing that way every child learns at a pace and no child is left behind. Having a curriculum can ensure me as a teacher to complete the children's goals. The curriculum should follow the naeyc standards and address all aspects of children development and not just one. Each activity should help promote a child's cognitive development. There should be areas of social and emotional work which can be done in an activity where children discuss what the lesson is in the curriculum. Language is also an important aspect that in the curriculum should be required as well as physical because children should be moving and using their muscles. Through curriculum it is important that children are given the opportunity to learn and develop through play and activities that will give the child motivation. When children conduct these activities it helps the children get better at reasoning, solving problems, getting along with others, using language, and developing other skills. This is why as an educator I think that standard 2 of the Naeyc is very important if you want to be a successful teacher and ensure that all children learn. Curriculum is what guides teachers and students when learning. At the end of the curriculum it is important that each child improves in every aspect as well.

NAEYC standard 3: Teaching

The Naeyc program standard 3 is very important as an educator because it is about teaching. As a teacher the teaching aspect is crucial because depending on how you teach will determine how the child learns or what impact you leave on each child. As an educator I want to ensure that I provide a safe environment where children look forward to coming to everyday and learning. It is important to provide and use developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate teaching methods that can ensure that each child can improve their skills. When teaching we must ensure that the child completes their goals of learning through the curriculum. As a teacher it is also important to be observant and make observations for the children to determine which teaching method or approach works best for the children. Each child is different so what may work for one child will not work for another child. Every child has their individual needs that must be met that way they can improve socially, emotionally, physically, language , and cognitively. There are also special needs children that require special care or have IEPs so as educators we must follow protocols to ensure that every child learns. It is important to modify strategies and materials to respond to the needs of each child. Sometimes children need accommodations like extra time or additional instructions to make sure they do not feel left behind and learn as well. As a teacher I will provide time for indoor and outdoor activities that way they can learn through play and develop socially. It is important to display the children's work around the classroom so that way they can reflect on what is taught and what they learned. When teaching not only does the child learn but the teacher as well because everyday is a learning opportunity. There are different methods of teaching. For example exceptional children tend to struggle with intentional teaching because the child gets to choose the way they learn instead of trying to learn at the pace of others. Even with accommodation the children can feel pressured this way of learning still allows the child to learn in a healthy environment. This creates an environment where every child will feel included ,want to participate, and look forward to education. When teaching there will be different scenarios and different kinds of children and that is why we must be prepared and follow the curriculum to teach each child and include their individual needs as well. There are also bilingual children and as a teacher it is

important to include instructions in the language that the child speaks. The goal as an educator is to ensure that each child's needs are met with teaching them.

Naeyc Standard 5: Health

In the Naeyc program standards the standard five which is health is very important when it comes to having a safe and healthy classroom. It is important to promote the nutrition and health of children because if a child is sick then they will not learn to the best of their ability. It will also put other children and staff at risk. It is like a domino effect. That is why as educators we must work with parents and children to promote healthy habits and ensure a healthy classroom. Children must be healthy and safe in order to learn and grow or it can cause sicknesses to others around and injury as well which is something that we do not want in a classroom. "NAEYC is an organization that can be trusted with the future of my child's education. That is why I chose an Naeyc-Accredited center as nothing but the best." Said Jennifer in Newark, New Jersey." Her child attends an Naeyc-Accredited program. This is a quote from a parent that shows that if you follow the Naeyc standards it can promote a happy and healthy environment for staff, children, and parents. As a teacher it is important to have training in pediatric first aid. This way if a child needs assistance or is injured we can help the child that is in need because we have the proper training for it. It is also important to always place infants on their back to sleep to ensure the child's safety This reduces the risks of SIDS because the back sleep position is the safest , and every sleep time counts when it comes to infants. It is important that the program has policies where the children and staff or whomever is in the classroom regularly washes their hands. Also routinely cleans and sanitizes all surfaces in the facility to prevent illnesses and germs. For example if a child drops their utensil when eating it is important to throw it away and give the child a new one. Also if a child puts a toy in their mouth it must be separated and put in a bin to be sanitized. Children are always touching surfaces and toys so it is important that after every activity or transition to wash the children's hands. If a child blows their nose or touches their face we must also wash the child's hands because then the children touch other surfaces and contaminate it. When in a classroom there must always be a plan to respond to illnesses whether it be taking the child to the nurse or calling the parent. There is also a protocol on how to decide whether a child needs to go home and how their families will be notified. Communication is very important when it comes to a child's health. As an educator we must listen to the child if they say they are not feeling well and take action. Snacks and meals are

what give children nutrients and as an educator I will ensure that food is stored safely that way no child is endangered or sick from food. Certain children have allergies and can not have certain food as well due to religion. It is important when handling the children who have certain needs separately from the rest of the children's food to prevent contamination. This standard is crucial and is very important to me as an educator to keep the classroom healthy and safe.