



Garfield County DHS Child Care Program
Resource Van Book List
Curriculum and Activities

Sesame Street Goes to the Doctor kit	Contains a video (VHS) cassette tape, poster and parent guides	
Start with the Arts	Activity guides for lessons on “All About Me,” How I Go From Here to There,” Feeling Hot Cold and Wet,” and “The World Around Me,” using various arts. Includes tips for inclusive teaching. Some activities could be adapted for younger kids.	4-5 years
Baby’s Learn and Play Pack	Kit of simple toys and suggested activities for babies 0-12 months. Worn, but great ideas for developmentally appropriate activities, even for older babies	0-12 months, some ideas adaptable for older babies
Ounce Scale	Family Albums and Observation Records for toddlers 18-24, 24-30 and 30-36 months	18-36 months
Teaching Snacks	Snack recipes that support learning about shapes, colors, letters, math, science, opposites, self esteem, cooperation and storytime	1-5 years
Alphabet Stories	Stories with pictures for kids to help read, begin recognizing repeating sounds (pig, puppy, pie, etc.)	4-5
Teaching with Favorite Marc Brown Books	Ideas for activities to go along with books from the Arthur and D.W. series. Some activities adaptable	K-2

	for younger kids.	
Alphabet Wheels	Patterns for “alphabet wheels” for each letter. Note: Project is teacher intensive.	K-1
Kids Garden: The Anytime, Anyplace Guide to Sowing and Growing Fun	Ideas for indoor and outdoor gardens, recipes and projects	4 and up
Cups and Cans and Paper Plate Fans	Projects using everyday and recycled materials	4 and up Project difficulty varies
The Incredible Year-round Playbook	Indoor and Outdoor activities using “sun, sand, wind and snow”	4 and up
Watch Me Grow posters	Include info about development, growth chart to record child height.	All
Teaching Our Youngest: A Guide for Preschool Teachers and Family Providers	Ideas for encouraging children’s development in language and math skills	Pre-k
Learning Centers for Preschool and Kindergarten	Activities for fine motor skills, sorting, colors, visual discrimination, making associations, language and numbers	4-6 years (Projects range difficulty/independence)
Beautiful Stuff: Learning with Found Materials	Activity and projects ideas for “scraps”	2 and up
Emergent Reader Mini Books	Reproducible sheets to make holiday and seasonal mini books for children to color	K-1
Flannel Board Stories, Figures and Activities for ESL Children	Includes patterns for figures, ready to use stories and suggested activities for secular and religious holidays	Written for school age ESL students but would work well for younger children with small changes
Sing and Read Little Books: Colors and Themes	Songs about colors and simple stories with reproducible mini books for coloring	Pre-K through 2 nd grade
Sing and Read: Number Little Books	Songs about numbers with reproducible mini books for coloring	Pre-K through 2 nd grade
175 Easy to Do Everyday Crafts	Crafts with recyclables	Kindergarten and up Some activities suitable for

		younger children with adaptation
Summer Activities	Paper crafts and recipe ideas for summer themes	Pre-K
1-2-3 Draw Cartoon Faces	Steps illustrated with pictures	
Evitemos fuegos con Sesame Street	Cassette and book in Spanish	Pre-K



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Administration and Program Development

The Heart of Coaching: Using Transformational Coaching to Create a High-Performance Culture	Managing staff through a coaching perspective.
Menu Magic for Children	Meal planning help and recipes
Spreading the News	Research and tips on documenting children's development and using displays to communicate to parents and the community. Great resource for help educating parents on the importance of play in early childhood.
Dollars and Sense: Planning for Profit in Your Child Care Business	Work-book format covers topics including setting rates, communicating with parents, cash flow analysis and marketing
Basics of Assessment: A Primer for Early Childhood Educators	Walks through the process of deciding why and how to use assessments, from gathering information, interpreting it and using it to plan
Family Day Care Providers Management Guide	Workbook covering aspects from deciding whether to be a provider to how to run a business, care for children and communicate with parents.

Family-Friendly Communication for Early Childhood Programs	Short articles to copy and include in newsletters and parent handouts covering a variety of topics. Also includes ideas for parent meetings classes and displays.
A World of Difference	Essays covering topics related to working with children in a diverse society.
Relationships, the Heart of Quality Care: Creating Community Among Adults in Early Childhood Settings	Help developing strong relationships among staff, and between teachers and parents.
How to Talk so Kids Will Listen and Listen so Kids Will Talk	Covers topics such as feelings, discipline, fostering independence, relationships between children
How to Talk so Kids Can Learn at Home and in School	Applies the ideas of How To Talk to Kids Will Listen to education
Liberated Parents, Liberated Children: Your Guide to a Happier Family	By the authors of the “How to Talk...” books. Gives an updated and more detailed look at the approach.
Young Children and Picture Books	Ideas for choosing and using books with children
Natural Childhood	Includes chapters on child development, communication, play, health and education from a holistic perspective.
Make Way for Literacy: Teaching the Way Young Children Learn	Research on language development and activities to support literacy. Mostly for early readers, but some ideas are adaptable for pre-k.
Ledger Bookkeeping CD	Worksheets for child care providers
The CARES Model: Building Social Skills and Reducing Problem Behaviors in Early Childhood Classroom	Video (VHS) for caregivers responding to children experiencing stress or violence
Chelsea has a Great Day: An Introduction to Quality Standards for Early Childhood Care and Education Services	Video (VHS) about adult child interaction, curriculum and working with parents
The Power of Guidance: Teaching Social-Emotional Skills in Early Childhood Classrooms	Discusses the difference between patience and understanding, guidance and discipline and misbehavior and mistaken behavior in order to help caregivers help children develop social-emotional skills.
Simple Transitions for Infants and Toddlers	Strategies for helping infants make day to day transitions, as well as developmental transitions (crawling, walking) and life transitions like entering a new center.
Top 10 Pre-school Parenting Problems	Written for parents, so it includes a chapter on nighttime sleep and family relationships that would be great resources for families. Other chapters address challenging issues

	that are relevant for a variety of settings, including childcare.
Focusing on Peers	Explores the importance of relationships for infants and toddlers and gives caregivers strategies for encouraging pro-social behavior and addressing challenges.
I Know What's Next: Preschool Transitions Without Tears or Turmoil	Tips for helping preschoolers transition smoothly through the day's activities including drop-off and pick-up times and going to school.
Play: The Foundation that Supports the House of Higher Learning	Lisa Murphy's (aka the Ooey Gooey Lady) book on the importance of play and it's influence on academic success later in life. Addresses the importance of play, music, reading and markers of child development.

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Educational Materials and Toys

Item	Supports
Action ABC cards	<i>Language</i> letter recognition, mind-body (kinesthetic) approach to teaching alphabet, gross motor
Bead sequence board	<i>Logic: science/math</i> color recognition, ordering
Blocks	<i>Logic: science/math</i> spatial awareness, fine and gross motor, creativity, sorting
Chalk-board easel	<i>Language:</i> fine motor, pre-literacy/literacy development, creativity
Crayons	<i>Language:</i> fine motor, pre-literacy/literacy development, creativity
Discovery Box	<i>Language, Logic</i> exploration, fine motor, problem solving, cooperation, language
E-Z Catch (Velcro mitts and balls)	<i>Physical</i> gross motor, cooperation, verbal skills
How Do You Feel Play and Learn Face	<i>Language, Social/Emotional</i> emotional awareness, speaking, listening, empathy
Lace-up boards	<i>Language (written)</i> fine motor, concentration
Larger magnifying glasses	<i>Science</i> exploration, discovery, creativity

Legos and Lego Table	<i>Logic: science/math</i> spatial awareness, fine and gross motor, creativity, sorting, color awareness
Link n' Learn Pattern Cards	<i>Logic: science/math</i> order, color awareness, fine motor <i>Language (written)</i> sequencing
Linking Sesame Street figures	fine motor, dramatic play
Magnet pick-up set	<i>Science</i> exploration, discovery, fine motor, creativity
Mask Stencils (animals)	<i>Language (written)</i> fine motor, dramatic play
Number Line	<i>Math</i> number recognition, mind-body (kinesthetic) approach to numbers
Parachute	<i>Language (verbal)</i> gross motor, cooperation, turn-taking, listening and speaking
Pogo Ball	<i>Physical</i> gross motor
Rocking Boat	<i>Physical</i> gross motor, dramatic play
Rubbing plates	<i>Language (written)</i> fine motor, creativity, exploration
Soft Blocks	<i>Logic: science/math</i> spatial awareness, fine and gross motor, creativity, sorting
Stacking cups	<i>Logic: science/math</i> spatial awareness, fine and gross motor, creativity, sorting
Step-a-logs	<i>Physical</i> gross motor, balance, turn-taking
Textured Dominoes	<i>Math, Language (written)</i> patterns, categorization, counting
Textured Shapes	<i>Science</i> exploration, sequencing, categorization, fine motor
Toss-game and balls (numbered)	<i>Math</i> gross motor, number recognition, mind-body (kinesthetic) approach to numbers, color recognition
Tunnels—Pop-Up	<i>Physical</i> gross motor, dramatic play
Wooden Abacus	<i>Math</i> fine motor, sequencing, counting

Puzzles and Games

• Alfredo's Food Fight	<i>Language/Logic</i> Fine motor, problem solving, speaking
• Barnyard Floor Puzzle	<i>Logic</i> Fine motor, problem solving, spatial awareness, cooperation
• Fireman Floor Puzzle	Fine motor, problem solving, spatial awareness, cooperation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooden career puzzles | <p>Fine motor, problem solving, spatial awareness, cooperation, social awareness</p> |
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Music—*Supports fine and gross motor, logic and language skills*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand drums • Music maker instrument |
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Dramatic Play—*Supports cooperation, turn-taking, empathy, language, sorting/categorizing*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baby doll with bottle • Cash Register • Cell phone, Bluetooth • Community Helpers Flannel Set • Dinosaur set • Doll house • Doorway theater (for puppets) • Dress-up clothes • Tee-pee • Fire Engine Pop-up • Flannel Board • Large doll • Puppets: animals, family members, fairy tale characters • Small dolls with clothes • Spider beanie baby • Table top theater (for puppets) • Tea set |
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Multicultural/Diversity—*In addition to fitting into other categories, these materials specifically support awareness of diversity and respect for differences.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuddle Buddies • Multicultural Food • Familiar Object Cards (bilingual) • Around the World Food Set • Differently-abled Block Figures • Books: Selection of books that promote awareness/respect |
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- GlitterBuddy Handwashing Education Kit
- Playground Safety Kit
- Variety of resource books on topics such as child development, administration, teaching, challenging behaviors, lesson plans and theme ideas. See separate list.