

10 TRAITS OF INFANT & TODDLER CAREGIVERS



TALKATIVE

CHILDREN LEARN LANGUAGE FROM THEIR ENVIRONMENT. SING SONGS AND HAVE FREQUENT MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH CHILDREN.



PATIENT

CHILDREN BEGIN LEARNING SELF-CONTROL AT ABOUT AGE 3. MODEL AND SUPPORT APPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS.



TRUSTWORTHY

CHILDREN WHO HAVE RESPONSIVE, RELIABLE, AND CONSISTENT CAREGIVERS ARE ABLE TO LEARN HOW TO REGULATE EMOTIONS.



ADVENTUROUS

OFFER UNUSUAL, INTERESTING, & DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PLAY MATERIALS TO ENCOURAGE REAL ENGAGEMENT & EXCITEMENT IN LEARNING.



WELCOMING

GET FAMILIES ENGAGED IN WHAT YOU ARE DOING. BY WORKING TOGETHER YOU CAN LEARN A LOT AND HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP.



SUPPORTIVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE IN A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT ARE CRUCIAL TO A CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT.



ENCOURAGING

RESPOND KINDLY TO CHILDREN IN ALL THAT THEY DO. WHEN YOU ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO TRY NEW SKILLS THEY WILL DEVELOP SELF-ESTEEM AND INDEPENDENCE.



PLAYFUL

CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PLAY. BE READY TO GET DOWN ON THE FLOOR, ENCOURAGE IMAGINATION, AND PLAY.



AFFECTIONATE

RESPOND TO A CHILD'S NEEDS IN AN APPROPRIATE AND RESPECTFUL MANNER.



MINDFUL

TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF CARING FOR OTHERS. WHEN YOU ARE FEELING STRESSED, CHILDREN CAN FEEL IT TOO.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER FOR MORE IDEAS OR VISIT MARYLANDFAMILYNETWORK.ORG TODAY.

Working with infants and toddlers can be fun but challenging work. The Infant Toddler Specialist at your local Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) can help with professional development, training, and technical assistance support services. Contact your CCRC today to find out more about these free services!

MARYLAND'S CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL CENTERS

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Arundel Child Care Connections

44 Calvert Street, Room 140A
Annapolis, MD 21401
tel 410.222.1712
Executive Director Debbie Langer
email dlander@arundelccc.org

BALTIMORE CITY

Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center

1001 Eastern Avenue, 2nd Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
tel 410.685.5150
Acting Executive Director Nancy Pelton
email npelton@bccrc.org

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Child Resource Center Baltimore County at Abilities Network/Project ACT

8503 LaSalle Road
Towson, Maryland 21286
tel 443.900.6458
Program Manager Sara Bosley
email sbosley@abilitiesnetwork.org

CECIL & HARFORD COUNTIES

Child Resource Center Harford/Cecil County at Abilities Network/Project ACT

3103 Emmorton Road
Abingdon, Maryland 21009
tel 443.761.0206
Program Manager Sara Bosley
email sbosley@abilitiesnetwork.org

CARROLL & FREDERICK COUNTIES

Child Care Choices

226 South Jefferson Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
tel 301.662.4549
Director Patty Morison
email pmorison@fcmha.org

HOWARD COUNTY

Howard County Child Care Resource Center

3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 380
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
tel 410.313.1940
Program Manager Debbie Yare
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Montgomery County Child Care Resource Center

1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 200
Rockville, Maryland 20852
tel 240.777.3110
Executive Director Jennifer Arnaiz
email Jennifer.Arnaiz@montgomerycountymd.gov

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Prince George's Child Resource Center

9475 Lottsford Road, Suite 202
Largo, Maryland 20774
tel 301.772.8420
Executive Director Jennifer Iverson
email jiverson@pgcrc.org

SOUTHERN MARYLAND

CALVERT, CHARLES & ST. MARY'S COUNTIES

Promise Resource Center

29958 Killpeck Creek Court
Charlotte Hall, Maryland 20622
tel 301.290.0040
Program Director Sarah Sutherland
email ssutherland@thepromisecenter.org

UPPER EASTERN SHORE

CAROLINE, KENT, DORCHESTER,
QUEEN ANNE'S & TALBOT COUNTIES

Chesapeake Child Care Resource Center

Chesapeake College
1000 College Circle
Wye Mills, Maryland 21679
tel 410.822.5400 X357
Executive Director Peg Anawalt
email manawalt@chesapeake.edu

LOWER EASTERN SHORE

WICOMICO, SOMERSET
& WORCESTER COUNTIES

Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center

East Campus Complex, Suite 500
Salisbury University
Power and Wayne Streets
Salisbury, Maryland 21804
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Project Director Leslie Sinclair
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WESTERN MARYLAND

ALLEGANY, GARRETT
& WASHINGTON COUNTIES

APPLES for Children

1825 Howell Road, Suite 3
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740
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Executive Director Heather Glass
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