

# National Early Care & Education Learning Collaboratives:

Taking Steps to Healthy Success

Learning Session 3, Family Child Care Edition Participant Handbook

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## Welcome to the Collaborative

## Welcome to Taking Steps to Healthy Success

An Early Care and Education Learning Collaborative (ECELC) to Promote Healthy Practices

Your Name:

Program:

My Contact for Technical Assistance:

Nemours and its dedicated partners welcome you to the National Early Care and Education Learning Collaboratives (ECELC) Project! Nemours developed the model to support child care providers' efforts to help young children grow up healthy and tested it with large early care and education programs in Delaware. We are excited to see it in action in your state!

Thanks to the commitment and generous funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we are able to work together to adapt this powerful model for healthy change to meet the unique needs of your state. We are excited to support your work to create a healthier environment in your early care and education program for your children, your families and your program staff.

A Collaborative is a community of learners that will connect you with others engaged in making healthy change. It will offer learning opportunities, increase knowledge, create networks of support, and equip you to engage your staff in the process of making healthy changes. Over one year, the Collaborative will meet five times, with technical assistance visits scheduled between sessions to provide information, an opportunity to share experiences, and a forum for raising questions. This toolkit is your guide to making change. It contains resources, tools and information to help you make the best practice and policy decisions for your program. Video training and materials will help staff and families understand the importance of making healthy changes and give them the tools to support your work. Small group work with a Trainer, and opportunities to share challenges and successes with others going through the process of change will give you a network to rely on for support, information and ideas.

This is a working toolkit that we will add to at each session. We hope you find the Learning Session materials useful. Thank you for joining us in this exciting work to help kids grow up healthy!



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## **Introductory Materials**

## **Acknowledgements**

Nemours gratefully acknowledges the valuable contributions of a wide variety of stakeholders committed to supporting children's health and optimal development. We thank you all for helping to make our dream a reality.

Thanks to generous funding support from the **Centers** for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we are able to work collaboratively with states to adapt the model to meet their unique needs. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate and learn with leaders and providers in participating states.

On behalf of the early care and education providers who will participate in the ECELC, and the children and families they serve, we thank our partners in this effort:

Child Care Aware® of America

National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality

Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition

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National Association of Family Child Care

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American Public Human Services Association

Association of State & Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors

United States Breastfeeding Committee

Zero to Three

Special thanks to our **Delaware Child Care Collaborative participants**, who helped us develop, test and refine our original model. We learned so much from them, their children and families. Their commitment to promoting healthy eating and physical activity, their willingness to learn, their courage to change and their generosity in sharing their experiences continue to inspire us.

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Delaware Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): Beth Wetherbee and David Bowman

Delaware Office of Child Care Licensing: Patti Quinn

I am Moving, I am Learning: Linda Carson

**Parent Services Project** 

Sesame Workshop

**Strengthening Families** 

## **Definitions**

Action Period	The period after each in-person Learning Session to share information, support discovery learning and engage staff (when applicable), in a particular task: program assessment, action planning, implementation of the action plan, and/or documentation of the process.
Center	Refers to a physical place where a program is offered.
Early Care and Education (ECE)	A field, sector or industry that includes nurturing care and learning experiences for children from birth to age 5.
Early Care and Education	An intervention or service that has a design, staff, a curriculum or approach and a funding source that serves
Program (ECE Program)	children from birth to age 5.
Early Care and Education	Up to 3 people (e.g., owner/director, lead teacher, food service personnel) self-defined by each ECE program to
Program Leadership Team (Leadership Team)	attend the 5 in-person Learning Sessions and facilitate the corresponding Action Period with their program staff.
Early Childhood	A developmental period of time, typically birth to age 6.
Facilitator	Designated person or people from the Leadership Team to lead the Action Period component with their ECE program staff.
Family Child Care(FCC)	An intervention or service that is provided in a caregiver's home that typically serves children birth to school-age.
Family Child Care Home	Refers to a physical place where a FCC program is offered.
Family Child Care Provider (FCC Provider)	A caregiver that provides childcare services in their home.
Nutrition and Physical Activity Self- Assessment for Child Care (Go NAP SACC)	A self-assessment instrument for early care and education programs comparing their current practices with a set of best practices.
Nutrition and Physical Activity	A self-assessment instrument for family child care homes comparing their current practices with a set of best
Self-Assessment for Family	practices.
Child Care (Go NAP SACC) Learning Collaborative	A learning community mode up of expressimately 20, 25 ECE programs or ECC homes to increase their knowledge
Learning conauorative	A learning community made up of approximately 20-25 ECE programs or FCC homes to increase their knowledge, create networks of support, and equip programs to work together to make healthy policy and practice changes aligned with <i>Let's Move!</i> Child Care.
Learning Session	Five in-person, active Learning Sessions focused on the relationship of nutrition, breastfeeding support, physical activity, and screen time to children's health also provide opportunities to build collegial relationships, develop leadership, increase collaboration, plan for and implement healthy change.
<i>Let's Move!</i> Child Care (LMCC)	Part of the national <i>Let's Move!</i> Campaign, initiated by U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama, focused on improving practices in early childhood settings to solve the problem of obesity within a generation.
National Early Care and Education Learning Collaboratives Project (ECELC)	Name of this project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and managed by Nemours to support ECE programs as they improve their practices and policies for nutrition, breastfeeding support, physical activity, and screen time.
Program	An intervention or service that has a design, staff, curriculum or approach, and a funding source.
Resources	The tools, materials, and resources aligning with <i>Let's Move!</i> Child Care and the Preventing Childhood Obesity, 3rd Edition standards that are available to participating ECE programs as they implement the ECELC.
State Implementing Partner	An agency/organization subcontracted with Nemours to handle the administration of the ECELC in a particular state.
State Project Coordinator (Project Coordinator/PC)	Administers the ECELC and provides overall coordination of the Learning Collaborative logistics in the state, with leadership responsibility for technical support, communication efforts, recruitment and support of Trainers and participating programs.
Taking Steps to Healthy Success (Curriculum)	ECELC curriculum, structured around 5 in-person learning sessions for Leadership Teams or FCC Providers and on-site Action Period sessions to engage all program staff, designed to guide Leadership Teams and their programs through the process of making healthy changes aligned with best practices.
Teacher	An individual responsible for the primary education of a group of children.
Technical Assistance (TA)	Encouragement, support, information and resources provided by the Trainer(s) to help Leadership Teams facilitate training of program staff and develop and implement action plans for healthy change.
Trainer(s)	Individuals responsible for implementing 5 on-site Learning Collaborative sessions and providing ongoing technical assistance to participating ECE programs.

## **Learning Session 3: Materials**

## Learning Session 3: Getting Kids Moving

### **Overview**

Learning Session 3(LS3) provides a rationale for the role Family Child Care (FCC) providers play in making changes through physical activity for infant, toddler, and preschool children. It explains physical activity best practices in FCC settings. During this session, participants are expected to increase their knowledge, awareness and motivation to work towards healthy change. Key content includes:

- Best practices for physical activity for infant, toddler, and preschool children;
- Continuing the process of healthy change through an Action Plan;
- Developing objectives and action steps to support children and families; and
- Ways to support physical activity through family engagement.

## **Post-session (Action Period)**

The FCC provider will utilize the *Leadership Team Guide* to:

- Complete the *Learning Session 3 Discussion* Worksheet;
- Implement steps identified in the "child" and "family" columns of the *Action Plan Worksheet*; and
- Continue their storyboard documenting goals and healthy changes made throughout Learning Session 2 through Learning Session 5.



## Sample Agenda

## **Objectives**

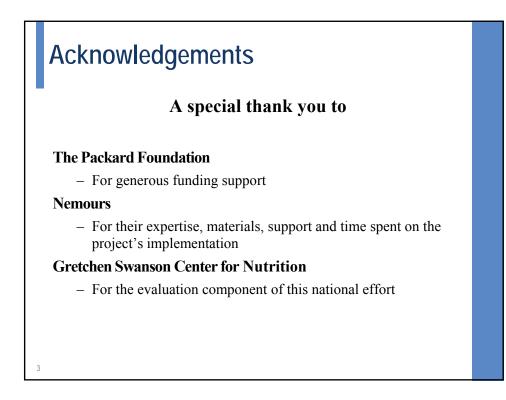
At the end of the Learning Session, participants will be able to:

- 1. Describe best practices for physical activity with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers;
- 2. Define structured and unstructured play, and moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) to identify strategies that support motor development ;
- 3. Provide resources to identify opportunities for increasing intentional physical activity among children and their families; and
- 4. Continue documenting and communicating with families the process of healthy change focusing on "child" and "family."

Learning Session 2: Nurturing Healthy Eaters and Providing Healthy Beverages					
Time	Topic				
8:00 – 8:30 am	Check-In				
8:30 –8:45 am	<ul> <li>Welcome Back, Acknowledgements, Housekeeping and Objectives</li> <li>Icebreaker: Balloon Fun</li> </ul>				
8:45 – 9:15 am	PPT Part A: Supporting Motor Development				
9:15 – 9:45 am	<ul> <li>PPT Part B: Best Practices for Physical Activity for Infants and toddlers</li> <li>Video: Feldenkrais by Baby Liv</li> </ul>				
9:45 – 10:00 am	Physical Activity Break – Scarves and Fluff Ball Fun				
10:00 – 10:30 am	<ul> <li>PPT Part C: Best Practices for Physical Activity for Preschoolers</li> <li>Handout: Head Start Body Start Calendar</li> <li>Handout: Homemade Equipment by Patricia Kimbrell</li> <li>Resource: Best Practices for Physical Activity Guide</li> <li>Video: Motion Moments: Preschoolers</li> </ul>				
10:30 – 10:45 am	Physical Activity Break – Beach Ball Play				
10:45 – 11:00 am	<ul> <li>PPT Part D: Extending Your Learning to Staff and Families</li> <li>Handout: 10 Tips for Becoming More Active as a Family</li> <li>LS2 Action Period Review</li> </ul>				
11:00 – 11:45 am	<ul> <li>PPT Part E: Facilitating Change in Your Program</li> <li>LS3 Action Period</li> </ul>				
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Evaluation, Raffle and Thank You				











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## Motor Development

## Gross motor: Involves large muscles in the arms and legs

- Infants and Toddlers
  - Holds head up, sits and stands with and without support, reaches with one hand, crawls, stands, walks
- Preschoolers: Fundamental gross motor skills
  - Locomotor skills: Walk, run, jump, gallop, hop, leap and skip
  - Object control skills: Rolling underhand, tossing underhand, bouncing, catching, striking, throwing overhand and kicking

## Fine motor: Involves small muscles in the hands, feet,

#### fingers and toes

#### Infants and Toddlers

- Grasps a toy, claps hands, drops blocks into a container, picks up a toy, tears paper, holds a crayon
- Preschoolers
  - Makes adjustments of tools in hands while writing, cutting and painting, puts socks on correctly with heel in place, puts on jacket

## **Motor Development**

## Influenced by interactions with peers and adults

- Learned through provider-directed activities, practice and mastery of skills
- Learned through peer observations and interactions

#### Supported by the environment

- Adequate indoor and outdoor space
- Age appropriate equipment
- Integration into the curriculum
- Promotion of motor development skill building with families



## Developmental Delays and Screenings

#### **Developmental milestones**

- Includes playing, learning, speaking, behaving and moving

#### **Developmental delay**

- When a child does not reach developmental milestones at the same time as other children

#### **Developmental screenings**

 Doctors and nurses are used to identify whether children are learning basic skills at the time they should

#### Identify developmental delays early

- To assist families with receiving additional support

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## **Early Intervention Programs**

Designed to address the educational and developmental needs of very young children with disabilities and those experiencing developmental delays

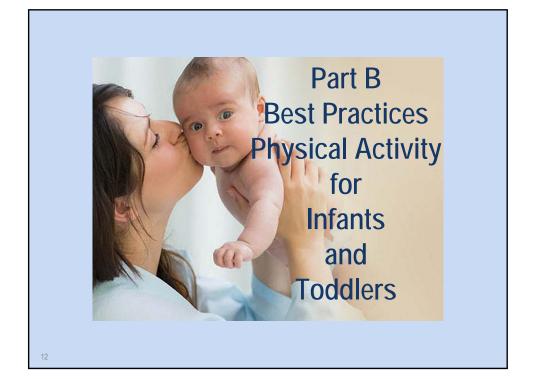
Provides free developmental evaluations of children under age three

Helps families find special educational services

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https://www.cocokids.org/learning-institute/inclusion-project/





## Promoting Motor Development in Infants

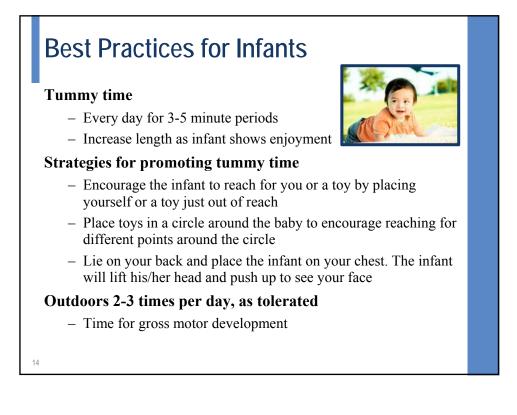
#### Gross motor skills

- Encourage physical activity (i.e. "tummy time")
- Place toys just out of reach of infant to encourage movement towards the toys
- Provide open space(s) for infants to explore
- Move the infant gently by rolling, swaying or bouncing

#### Fine motor skills

- Prop infants up with pillows allowing for exploration of objects with support
- Play hand and finger games with the infant
- Encourage the infant to grasp your finger
- Provide different size toys (i.e. puzzles, blocks, balls, etc)









## Indoor and Outdoor Activities for Infants

#### **Touch Tour**

- Introduce infants to senses (soft and hard objects, squishy items, cool and warm water)

#### **String Along**

 Tie small objects to a thick piece of yarn and have infants practice grabbing and moving the toys while holding onto the yarn

#### Pile small boxes up

- Have infants knock them down

#### **Texture Crawl**

 Have infants crawl across various textures (rubber mat, carpet, scarves, bubble wrap and velvet) This can be used as an indoor or outdoor activity

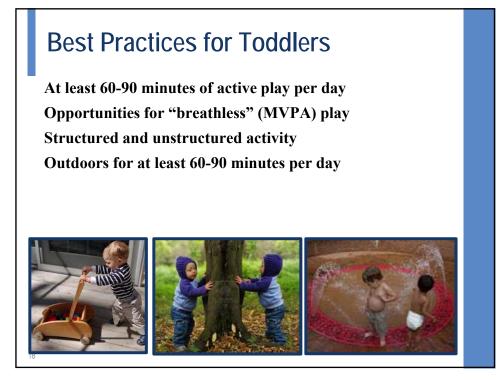
#### Peek-a-Boo

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## **Exploratory Activities for Toddlers**

Toddlers seek independence, but need safe spaces to explore

#### Play experiences to support optimal motor development

- Ball handling
- Balance
- Manipulation
- Space awareness
- Obstacles
- Wheeled toys
- Pretend play or dramatic play
- Rhythm

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## Indoor and Outdoor Activities for Toddlers

#### **Follow the Leader**

#### **Jingle Toes**

 Tie small bells around the toddlers ankles and sing songs while they stomp across the floor

#### **Beanbag Toss**

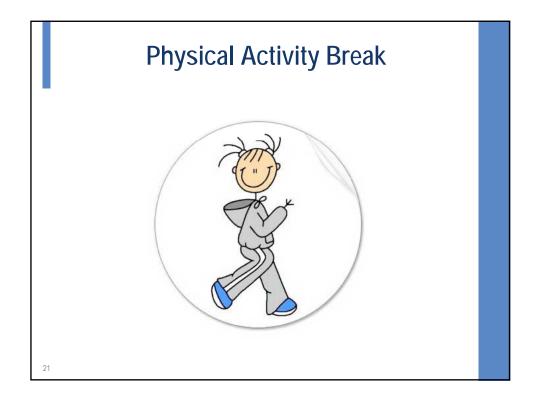
#### **Cardboard Train**

- Have toddlers push cardboard boxes together like a train

#### **Ribbon Dancing**

- Have toddlers hold onto ribbons while dancing to music **Jumping** 
  - Have toddlers jump on soft mats, pillows and other soft objects

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## **Best Practices for Preschoolers**

At least 120 minutes of active play per day Opportunities for "breathless" (MVPA) play Structured and unstructured Outdoors for at least 60-90 minutes per day Equipment should be visible and accessible to children





## Structured and Unstructured Physical Activity

Structured physical activity is teacher-led, engaging, developmentally appropriate and with a specific purpose

- Daily planned physical activity should support ageappropriate motor development with a purpose
- Activities should involve all children with minimal or no waiting

#### Unstructured physical activity is child-led free play

- Activities should encourage children's individual abilities and interests
- Providers should be engaged and provide support and prompts to encourage active play (sportscaster)

#### Moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA)

- "Breathless" physical activity using large muscle groups



## Equipment

#### Age and developmentally appropriate

- Ideally one per child

#### Sturdy and safe

- Sensory equipment: mobiles, teething toys, baby mirrors, etc.
- Manipulative equipment: grip toys, stacking toys, puzzles, peg boards, etc.
- Large muscle equipment: riding/rocking toys, gym mats, balance beams, slides, etc.

#### Portable play equipment

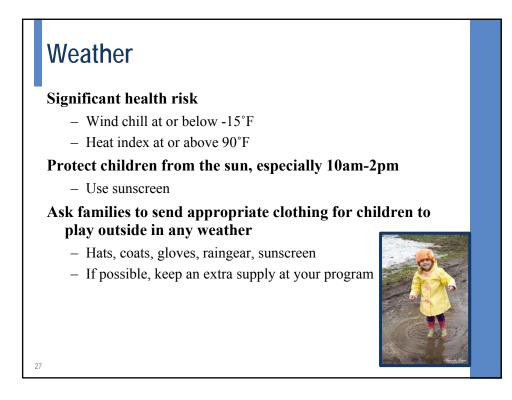
- Indoors and outdoors
- Balls, scarves, bean bags, wagons, etc.

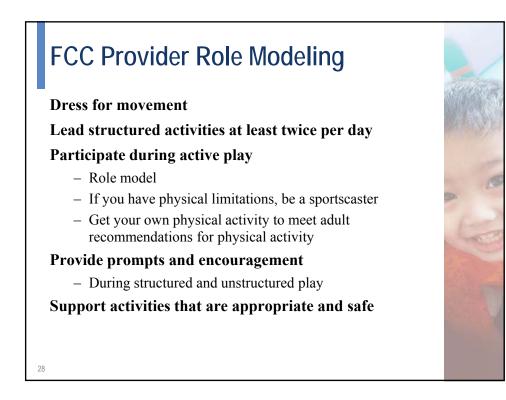
#### Appropriate adult supervision

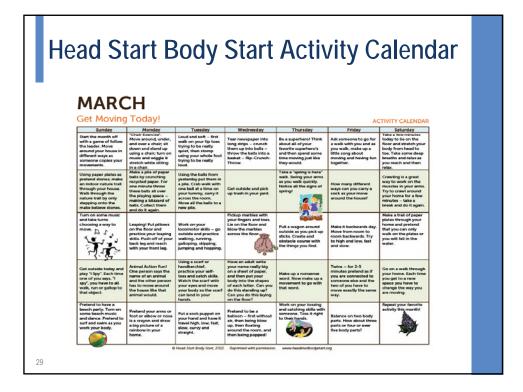


## Daily Outdoor Play Helps children to be more physically active Exposes children to sunlight for Vitamin D and fresh air Reduces stress Improves attention, memory and problem solving skills

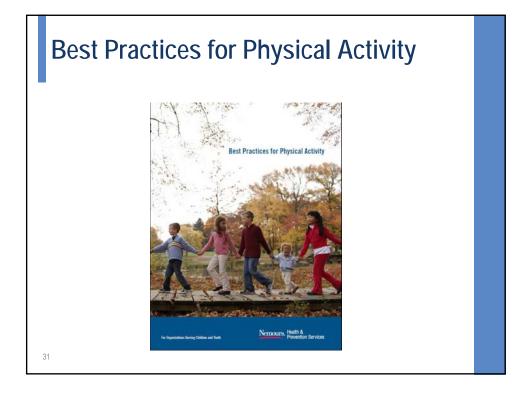








		Homemade Equipment Patricia A. Kimbrell, M.A. San Diego State University
Item	New Equipment	Comments
Sponges Homebases	Puffballs	Cut into strips, gather 10-12 strips, use zip ties to secure or leave sponge whole, use to identify personal space, practice locomotor skills or use in obstacle course.
Yarn	Yarn balls	Wrap 200 times around a cd cover, remove, secure w/zip tie and cut ends. Use for game that require lightweight balls,
Party Streamers/Ribbons	Wands	Secure streamer paper to 12° dowel w/ staple. Make one for each hand if possible. Develops laterality, explore, experiment and dance to music
Gallon jugs (plastic)	Scoops	Cut off bottoms, secure w/secure tape. Play with tennis balls/koosh balls/small balls
Newspaper	Ball play	Squish into a ball shape, secure w/tape. Play games like "clean your room" if desired. Practice tossing and catching or throwing over something
Film containers	Shakers	Fill w/small beans or dried pasta, secure top if needed. Shake like maracas, play with music
Large tumblers	Scoops	Play with tennis balls/ping pong balls, koosh balls/yarn balls, etc.,
Lids or foamies or placemats	Polyspots or homebases	To define personal space for children. Increase safety awareness, practice locomotor skills
Tongue depressors	Manipulative	Used to push different objects around: balloons, balls (yarn, sponge, fluff, etc)
Balloons	Balloons	7" or larger, inflate one per child + extras. Latex warning! Pick up popped pieces, choking hazard
Sidewalk chalk	Locomotor review	Design shapes/pathways, etc, to practice locomotor skills
Beach balls	Ball play	Inflate balls for tossing, throwing, catching, kicking and striking play
Stuffed animals or beany babies	Ball play	Use for practice of hand-eye coordination: tossing, throwing and catching
Old Paint Brushes	Design maker	Using old paintbrushes and some water, create shapes/pathways, etc. On sidewalks or driveways to jump over/in/go around, etc.
Other items; crayons, cottonballs, stuffed	Relay races or obstacle course	Utilizing objects generally found around the home, play relays or different types (use siblings for more furl) or create an obstacle course from any of the above items or use household items (i.e. chairs to climb to jump over, boxes to crawl into/out of, etc.) under/over/between tables to go under, pillows to jump over, etc.





## Indoor and Outdoor Activities for Preschoolers

Eric Carle – From Head to Toe

#### Angela Russ – Smart & Tasty 1

- Farmer's Market
- Shake, Mix, Pound, Roll

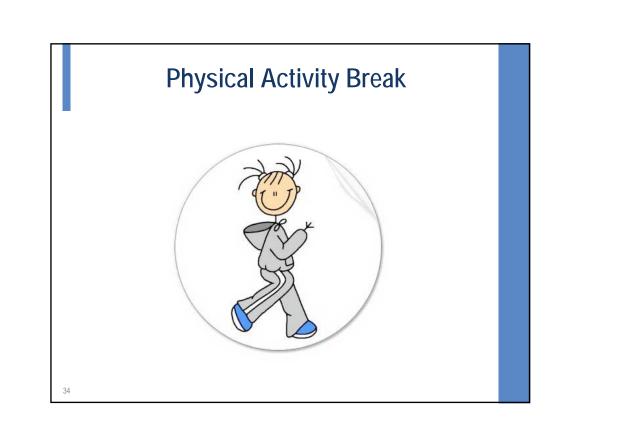
#### **Nutrition Kit Activities**

- Locomotor Skill Review

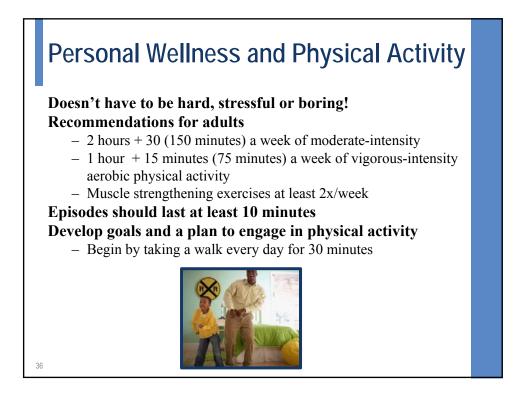
#### **Movement Kit Activities**

- Balloon and Fluff ball Fun
- Scarf and Beach Ball Play
- Movement Cube







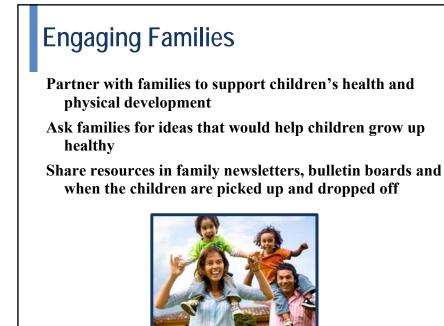


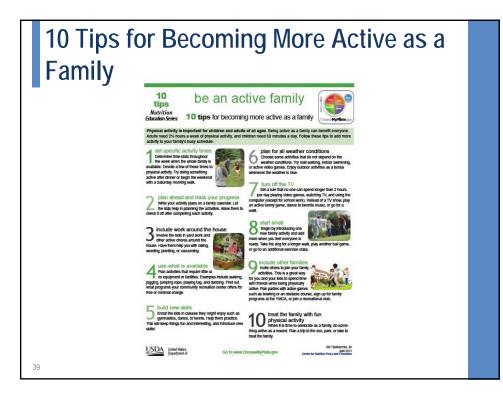
# Health and Physical Development at Home

#### **Encourage families to**

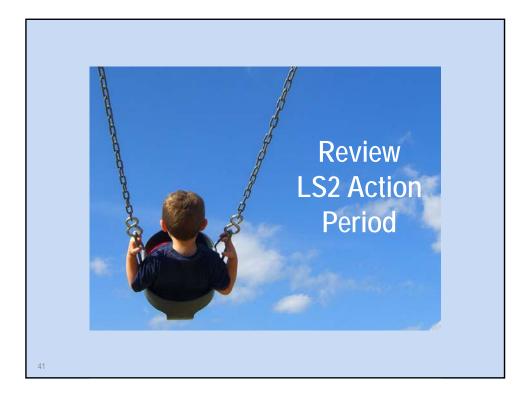
- Sing, move, dance and bike with their children
- Play games that involve all five senses
- Show enjoyment when walking, climbing, running and jumping
- Take children to the doctor and dentist for regular check-ups and immunizations
- Promote healthy eating behaviors, good hygiene and basic safety practices













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Provider Name:	April 15, 2016		Worksheet		Population Control of
Goal: Objectives / Steps	Increase the consumpt	ion of fruits and vegetables Environment	Activity: Cooking	Family	Program Policies
Increase the knowledge and consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables by implementing weekly cooking activities into curriculum.	"Identify recipes for weekly cooking activities Example: Healthy Soup 'Identify books that support cooking activities and to begin discussion of healthy food choices and why	"Identify appropriate supplies needed for cooking activities.	"Introduce project to children by reading an appropriate look promoting healthy foods "Discuss the importance of hand washing.	*Invite parents to volunteer during weekly cooking activities.	*Develop a healthy eating policy to include: *Age appropriate cooking activities added to curriculum weekly and menu monthly.
Who is responsible?	Self and Children	Self, Children and Families	Self	Self	Self
Date	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	May 1=	June 1st	August 1#	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
	"Take photos of cooking activities and post on bulletin board "Send recipes home with children	*Update kulletin koard to inform families about upcoming weakly cooking activities in the classroom. *Share book choices on healthy eating with families (allow books to be borrowed)	*Allow children to do the dipping, pouring, cutting and mixing during cooking activities. *Allow children to set the tables for a family style meal.	*Share with families cooking activities done in classroom via newsletter. *Ask Families to share their favorite recipes.	*A healthy celebrations policy. *A healthy fundraising policy.
Who is responsible?	Self	Self	Self and Children	Self, children and Families	Self
Date	April 30th	May 15th	June 5th	August 31st	October 1st



# Facilitating Change in Your Program: LS3 Action Period

Facilitated by FCC Provider (if necessary)

Mini-version of Learning Session 3

Training for program staff

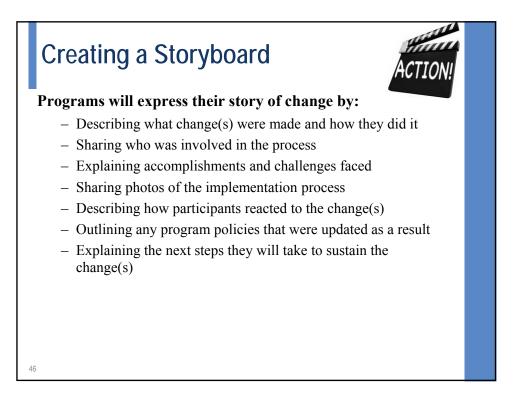
ACTION!

#### **Opportunity to:**

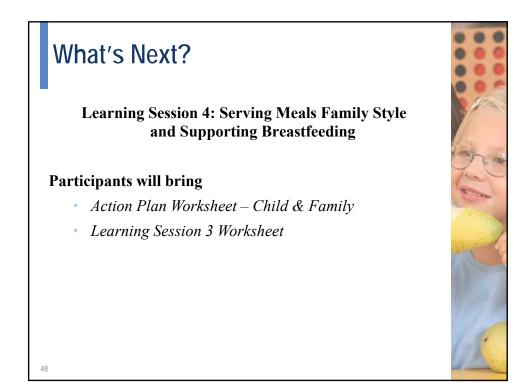
- Complete the Learning Session 3 Worksheet
- Implement Action Steps for Child and Family
- Continue creating your storyboard documenting healthy changes

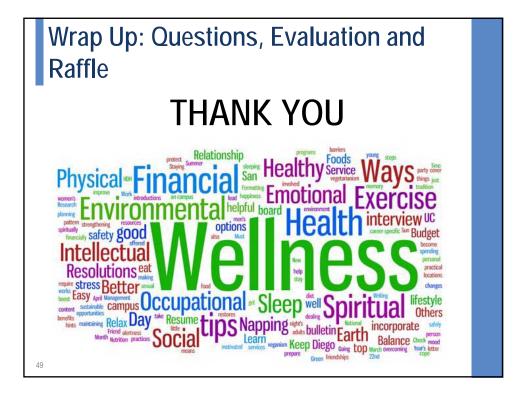
#### **Technical Assistance (TA)**

Assist in the implementation of Action Steps for Child and Family











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# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Saturdav	Take a few minutes today to lie on the floor and stretch your body from head to toe. Take some deep breaths and relax as you reach and then relax.	Crawling is a great way to work on the muscles in your arms. Try to crawl around your home for a few minutes – take a break and do it again.	Make a trail of paper plates through your home and pretend that you can only walk on the plates or you will fall in the water.	Go on a walk through your home. Each time you get to a new space you have to change the way you are moving.	Repeat your favorite activity this month!	
Fridav	Ask someone to go for a walk with you and as you walk, make up a little song about moving and having fun together.	How many different ways can you carry a sock as your move around the house?	Make it backwards day. Move from room to room backwards. Try to high and low, fast and slow.	Twins – for 2-5 minutes pretend as if you are connected to someone else and the two of you have to move exactly the same way.	Balance on two body parts. How about three parts or four or ever five body parts?	rg
Thursday	Be a superhero! Think about all of your favorite superhero's and then spend some time moving just like they would.	Take a "spring is here" walk. Swing your arms as you walk quickly. Notice all the signs of spring!	Pull a wagon around outside as you pick up sticks. Create and obstacle course with the things you find.	Make up a nonsense word. Now make up a movement to go with that word.	Work on your tossing and catching skills with someone. Toss it right to their bands.	www.headstartbodystart.org
Wednesdav	Tear newspaper into long strips – crunch them up into balls – throw the balls into a basket – Rip-Crunch- Throw.	Get outside and pick up trash in your yard.	Pickup marbles with your fingers and toes. Lie on the floor and blow the marbles across the floor	Have an adult write your name really big on a sheet of paper, and then put your body into the shapes of each letter. Can you do this standing up? Can you do this laying on the floor?	Pretend to be a balloon – first without air, then being blow up, then floating around the room, and then being popped!	Reprinted with permission.
Tuesdav	Loud and soft – first walk on your tip toes trying to be really quiet, then stomp using your whole foot trying to be really loud.	Using the balls from yesterday put them in a pile. Crab walk with one ball at a time on your tummy, carry it across the room. Move all the balls to a new pile.	Work on your locomotor skills – go outside and practice walking, running, galloping, skipping, jumping and hopping.	Using a scarf or handkerchief, practice your self- toss and catch skills. Watch the scarf with your eyes and move your body so the scarf can land in your hands.	Put a sock puppet on your hand and have it travel high, low, fast, slow, curvy and straight.	Head Start Body Start, 2012.
Mondav	"Chair Exercise". Move around, under, and over a chair; sit down and stand up using a chair; turn on music and wiggle & stretch while sitting in a chair.	Make a pile of paper balls by crunching recycled paper. For one minute throw these balls all over the playing space – making a blizzard of balls. Collect them and do it again.	Leaping! Put pillows on the floor and practice your leaping skills. Push off of your back leg and reach with your front leg.	Animal Action Fun! One person says the name of an animal and the other person has to move around the house like that animal would.	Pretend your arms or foot or elbow or nose is a crayon and draw a big picture of a rainbow in your home.	
Sundav	Start the month off with a game of follow the leader. Move around your house in different ways as someone copies your movements.	Using paper plates as pretend stones; make an indoor nature trail through your house. Walk through the nature trail by only stepping onto the make believe stones.	Turn on some music and take turns choosing a way to move. 33 6	Get outside today and play "I Spy". Each time one of you says, "I spy", you have to all walk, run or gallop to that object.	Pretend to have a beach party. Turn on some beach music and dance. Pretend to surf and swim as you work your body.	

#### Homemade Equipment

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ltem	New Equipment	Comments			
Sponges Homebases	Puffballs	Cut into strips, gather 10-12 strips, use zip ties to secure or leave sponge whole, use to identify personal space, practice locomotor skills or use in obstacle course.			
Yarn	Yarn balls	Wrap 200 times around a cd cover, remove, secure w/zip tie and cut ends. Use for game that require lightweight balls.			
Party Streamers/Ribbons	Wands	Secure streamer paper to 12" dowel w/ staple. Make one for each hand if possible. Develops laterality, explore, experiment and dance to music			
Gallon jugs (plastic)	Scoops	Cut off bottoms, secure w/secure tape. Play with tennis balls/koosh balls/small balls			
Newspaper	Ball play	Squish into a ball shape, secure w/tape. Play games like "clean your room" if desired. Practice tossing and catching or throwing over something			
Film containers	Shakers	Fill w/small beans or dried pasta, secure top if needed. Shake like maracas, play with music			
Large tumblers	Scoops	Play with tennis balls/ping pong balls, koosh balls/yarn balls, etc.			
Lids or foamies or placemats	Polyspots or homebases	To define personal space for children. Increase safety awareness, practice locomotor skills			
Tongue depressors	Manipulative	Used to push different objects around: balloons, balls (yarn, sponge, fluff, etc)			
Balloons	Balloons	7" or larger, inflate one per child + extras. Latex warning! Pick up popped pieces, choking hazard!			
Sidewalk chalk	Locomotor review	Design shapes/pathways, etc. to practice locomotor skills			
Beach balls	Ball play	Inflate balls for tossing, throwing, catching, kicking and striking play			
Stuffed animals or beany babies	Ball play	Use for practice of hand-eye coordination: tossing, throwing and catching			
Old Paint Brushes	Design maker	Using old paintbrushes and some water, create shapes/pathways, etc. On sidewalks or driveways to jump over/in/go around, etc.			
Other items; crayons, cottonballs, stuffed animals	Relay races or obstacle course	Utilizing objects generally found around the home, play relays or different types (use siblings for more fun!) or create an obstacle course from any of the above items or use household items (i.e. chairs to climb to jump over, boxes to crawl into/out of, etc.) under/over/between tables to go under, pillows to jump over, etc.			

# be an active family

## **10 tips** for becoming more active as a family



**Physical activity is important for children and adults of all ages.** Being active as a family can benefit everyone. Adults need 2½ hours a week of physical activity, and children need 60 minutes a day. Follow these tips to add more activity to your family's busy schedule.

#### set specific activity times Determine time slots throughout

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the week when the whole family is available. Devote a few of these times to physical activity. Try doing something active after dinner or begin the weekend with a Saturday morning walk.



**plan ahead and track your progress** Write your activity plans on a family calendar. Let the kids help in planning the activities. Allow them to check it off after completing each activity.

## include work around the house

Involve the kids in yard work and other active chores around the house. Have them help you with raking, weeding, planting, or vacuuming.



Use what is available Plan activities that require little or

no equipment or facilities. Examples include walking, jogging, jumping rope, playing tag, and dancing. Find out what programs your community recreation center offers for free or minimal charge.

## build new skills

Enroll the kids in classes they might enjoy such as gymnastics, dance, or tennis. Help them practice. This will keep things fun and interesting, and introduce new skills!

#### plan for all weather conditions

Choose some activities that do not depend on the weather conditions. Try mall walking, indoor swimming, or active video games. Enjoy outdoor activities as a bonus whenever the weather is nice.

**7** turn off the TV

Set a rule that no one can spend longer than 2 hours per day playing video games, watching TV, and using the computer (except for school work). Instead of a TV show, play an active family game, dance to favorite music, or go for a walk.

#### start small

Begin by introducing one new family activity and add more when you feel everyone is



ready. Take the dog for a longer walk, play another ball game, or go to an additional exercise class.

#### include other families

Invite others to join your family activities. This is a great way for you and your kids to spend time with friends while being physically active. Plan parties with active games



such as bowling or an obstacle course, sign up for family programs at the YMCA, or join a recreational club.

10 treat the family with fun physical activity When it is time to celebrate as a family, do something active as a reward. Plan a trip to the zoo, park, or lake to treat the family.



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# **Learning Session 3: Getting Kids Moving**

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Learning Session 3 Action Period:**

Complete before Learning Session 4 (LS4):

- Begin to implement changes in the areas of "child" and "family."
- Continue to work on your storyboard to document and communicate healthy changes being made in your program
- Bring the following items back to Learning Session 4:
  - Learning Session 3 Discussion Worksheet
  - Action Plan Worksheet

#### **Setting the Stage**

#### Supplies:

- Action Plan Worksheet;
- Learning Session 3 Discussion Worksheet;
- Pens or pencils for writing; and

#### **Environment**

Tips for creating a supportive and fun environment for making change:

- Be organized. Bring all needed materials and plan ahead
- When applicable, share ideas with staff and families be open to suggestions. During discussions, encourage staff and families to participate, listen carefully to their ideas, record them and be willing to share your ideas too; and
- Have fun! Make this a time to brainstorm and build your program to make it healthier and better.

#### **Engaging staff and families in discussion**

To help engage staff and families in discussion, try these discussion prompts and ideas:

- Encourage staff and families to take the lead on sharing their ideas;
- Validate their ideas by recording them and responding positively; and
- Try to use open-ended questions to encourage conversation:
  - How can we use what we discussed to create change in our program?
  - How could we further engage families in our program?
  - What would you like to learn more about?

## **Task 1: Action Plan**

## What is Your Role in Making Healthy Changes?

Continue the Action Plan and next steps:

- Complete the "child" and "family" columns on the *Action Plan Worksheet*. Use the sample *Action Plan Worksheet* on the following page as a guide; and
- Work to implement changes in the areas of "child" and "family."

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Program Policies

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Start Date:

Provider Name:

Goal: Increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables.

Program Policies	Develop a healthy eating policy that informs parents about cooking activities being included into the curriculum. Develop a healthy celebrations policy. Develop a healthy fundraising policy.	Self	October 1st
Family	Have weekly cooking activities and invite families to volunteer. Develop a newsletter to share with families the cooking activities done during the day. Ask families to share their favorite recipes.	Self, Children and Families	August 31st
Child	Introduce the project to the children by reading an appropriate book promoting healthy foods. Discuss the importance of hand washing and cooking preparation. Allow children to do the dipping, pouring, cutting, and mixing during cooking activities. Allow children to set the table for family-style dining meals.	Self and Children	June 5 <sup>th</sup>
Environment	Gather appropriate supplies and equipment needed for cooking activities. Update bulletin board with weekly cooking activities. Place books on healthy eating around the home for children and families to read independently. Add plastic fruits and vegetables as toys for children to play with.	Self	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Provider	Identify recipes for weekly cooking activities. Identify books that support cooking activities and discuss healthy food choices. Develop a bulletin board to display photos of cooking activities. Find new recipes to use with the children and families.	Self	April 30 <sup>th</sup>
Objectives / Steps	Increase the knowledge and consumption of fruits and vegetables through cooking activities.	Who is responsible?	Date
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		Goal: Increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables.						
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# **Action Plan Worksheet**

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# **Action Plan Worksheet**

Start Date:

Provider Name:

Goal: Increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables

	Program Policies	Develop a healthy fundraising policy that includes providing support for the development of a garden. Include a healthy eating policy and rationale to review when enrolling new families.	Self	October 1st
	Family	Ask families to come in and help build the garden and bring in seeds to plant. Take and share photos of the children caring for the garden. Ask families to share recipes that use some of the fruits and vegetables grown in the garden. Host a Harvest Celebration for families to come in and cook with the children using the fruits and vegetables from the garden.	Self , Children and Families	August 31st 0
	Child	Work with the children to identify an area to create their garden. Create a job chart for the children to take turns caring for and harvesting their fruits and vegetables. Work with the children to create a chart to track the growth of the fruits and vegetables. Have "taste tests" with the children to try the fruits and vegetables grown in their garden.	Self and Children	June 5 <sup>th</sup>
Increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables.	Environment	Gather the supplies needed to build the garden. Develop a communication board to share the new garden initiative with families. Display documentation of children engaging in gardening activities.	Self	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Increase the consumption	Provider	Create a budget to determine the costs needed to build the garden. Identify other resources to support the purchasing of materials. Develop activities that introduce gardening to the children. Use the Farm to Preschool website to learn more about how to garden with children.	Self	April 30th
Goal:	Objectives / Steps	Increase the knowledge and consumption of fruits and vegetables through the development of a garden and activities.	Who is responsible?	Date

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# **Task 2: Learning Session 3 Discussion Worksheet**

## Head Start Body Start Activity Calendar

- Use your Learning Session 3 Participant Handbook to complete the *Learning Session 3 Discussion* Worksheet;
- Select one activity from the Head Start Body Start Activity Calendar to try with the children in your care; and
- Reflecting on the activity, complete the questions on the following page.

# **Learning Session 3 Discussion Worksheet**

1. List three ways the activity created fine or gross motor movement opportunities.

2. Based on the age groups you are providing care to, how could you modify this activity to make it appropriate for the children in your care? What materials would you need?

3. Is there a way that this activity can be incorporated into your daily routine with the children?

4. How could you involve families in this activity?

# **Task 3: Continuing Your Storyboard**

## **Telling Your Story of Change**

As you go through the process of making healthy changes it is important to document your successes you are making. Remember, the storyboard should reflect the changes being made from the goals selected on your *Action Plan Worksheet*.

- Continue a storyboard to share your story of healthy change with colleagues, staff, children and families.
  - Continue your storyboard by:
    - Describing what change(s) were made and how you did it;
    - Sharing who was involved in the process;
    - Explaining accomplishments and challenges faced;
    - Sharing photos of the implementation process;
    - Describing how staff, children, and families reacted to the change(s);
    - Outlining any program policies that were updated as a result; and
    - Explaining the next steps you will take to sustain the change(s).
  - You can choose a variety of ways to express your story of change. This includes:
    - Photos of the process including before, during and after the change(s);
    - Anecdotes from staff, families and children;
    - Assessments, observations and reflections;
    - Documents including lesson plans or menus that demonstrate changes; and/or
    - Children's artwork that describe the healthy changes in the program.
  - Display the boards in your home as you are working on them so that children, families and staff can see and learn what is going on through your efforts to make your program healthier.

#### Bring the storyboards to Learning Session 5!



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