

# DAP

## DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICE

### What is DAP?

“Developmentally appropriate practice encompasses the knowledge and considerations educators need to apply to create, participate in, and sustain effective and joyful learning environments.” (Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth Through Age 8 Fourth Edition)

DAP (Developmentally Appropriate Practice) was researched, developed and published by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

DAP uses the core considerations and principals to as guide for early childhood educators to use within their own practice.

### Joyful Learning

Children are ready to learn from birth and learn best through play. Play-based learning that is fun, hands-on and engaging is the best learning experience for children birth through age 8.

Keep in mind the following tips and ideas:

- Before a child can learn through play and exploration they must build a trusting secure relationship with the caregivers.
- Child should work on new skills that are only slightly above their current skill level.
- Children need time to practice and repeat new skills.

### How can I learn more?

Join our DAP Zoom training series this summer presented by Sally-Ann Raessler!

18 hours total!

See flyer for details or reach out to Sally-Ann for registration or more information.



Caregivers can learn more by purchasing the book "Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth Through Age 8" 4th Edition

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