

Competency Statement 3.

To support social and emotional development and to provide positive guidance.

Functional Area 1: Self

“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”¹ American abolitionist Frederick Douglass’s words of wisdom. Words I wholeheartedly believe in! I will build children up, by using positive guidance/reinforcements. I will help children build their self esteem by allowing them to make mistakes and guiding them to try again. I will make sure the child knows they are loved, safe, and secure. To help them become independent and self assured. When they are not putting energy into finding affection they can put it in bettering themselves. I work with parents on helping the child build self confidence by sending home informational packets and activities.

Functional Area 2: Social

I will help children develop socially by always talking to them, describing things in great detail so their vocabulary expands so when they want to say how they feel about something they are confident in what they are saying by being able to describe it. I want to set the foundation by setting an example of how to be social. By communicating with their parents, with other children and most importantly with them. I will answer all questions to the best of my ability, and if I do not know then I will be honest. I will allow

¹ <http://www.vision.org/visionmedia/family-relationships/children-and-self-esteem/34763.aspx>

opportunities for social interaction with other children in the classroom with large/small group activities.

Functional Area 3: Guidance

I provide behind the scene guidance. First allowing the child to attempt a task on their own. I will always provide tasks that are developmentally appropriate for that child. If they cannot achieve the outcome they want I will verbally guide them, if that fails I will assure them they are capable of doing this task and I believe they can do it. Then I will assist if necessary only enough to propel the child to have a positive thought of themselves in the end. I will provide guidance to parents in a helpful way, not a condescending way. Offering expert referrals or letting them know they can come to me with any questions and make sure they know we are a team.