

Competency Statement 1.

To establish and maintain a safe, healthy, learning environment.

Function Area 1: Safe

Safety is a major part of child care, above all things parents want their children to be safe. I will uphold this honest requirement by realizing accidents do happen, but it is my main goal that at all times safety is my main objective. I will analyze everything with safety as my top priority. Toys shall be of the right size to prevent choking hazards. Any broken toy will be repaired and if repair is not possible it will be thrown away and replaced. I will limit any sitting time to help maximize my ability to watch all children. The classroom will be organized in a way to eliminate clutter and optimize mobility ease.

Function Area 2: Healthy

Being healthy is not just about germs. While that is a major aspect to keeping children healthy. I will provide a well rounded healthy atmosphere. These healthy choices are given through meals, physical activity, and a calm environment. Physical activity will be provided through planned out activities and also through opportunities during free play. Planned and unplanned physical activities will be performed indoor and outdoor. A calm environment will be provided by having a positive attitude and encouraging others to do so also. Having a healthy environment also includes keeping everything as germ free as possible. Children have plenty of germs and they spread so easily. Keeping the equipment that is used clean is very important. The best way to

keep the germs away is to clean the surfaces with disinfectant products and practice proper hand washing procedures. Cleaning supplies will be kept locked in a cabinet and out of reach of the children.

Functional Area 3: Learning Environment

A learning environment will be somewhat different for each individual child. To help optimize their own style of learning and their own developmentally appropriate needs. Each child's learning varies, some like calm monotones. Others are better learners when they are moving or is you sing what you are teaching. While others learn best by doing it hands on. So I will observe each child and communicate with the parents to find the best possible learning environment for that child. I will also involve the child's parents with activities, such as sending home activities they can do with their child.