

Early Childhood Essentials Framework

Essential Educator Competencies

Within the Learning Setting

- Developmentally appropriate practice and environments
- Observation and assessment of development and learning
- Individualized supports and inclusion-based practices



Supporting the Learning Setting

- Family support and partnership
- Continuous improvement and professionalism



Essential Child Skills

- Social-emotional development
- Cognitive development
- Language and literacy development
- Mathematical and scientific reasoning
- Physical development



Foundational Conditions

For Educators to Succeed

- Facilitative leadership
- Competitive compensation and benefits
- Job-embedded professional development
- Paid planning and collaboration time
- Emotionally supportive environment

For Children to Learn

- Adequate nutrition
- Continuity of care
- Access to physical, dental, and mental health services
- Stable and safe housing
- Access to specialized educational supports