

Learning Aid: Child Care Center Design Kit

Recommended Lesson: *Lesson 3: Designing a Child Care Room*

Required Materials:

- The following quote printed out on a piece of paper: "What children learn does not follow as an automatic result from what is taught, rather, it is in large part due to the children's own doing, because of their activities and our resources."
- Child Care Center Design Kit
- *Planning a Great Classroom Layout* slide presentation (printed out)
- *Infant Toddler Classroom Design* slide presentation (printed out)
- *Classroom Planning Layout Form*

Steps:

FOCUS:

1. Reflect on the quote printed on the piece of paper.
2. Write down what this means to you. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

LEARN:

1. Read over both slide presentations, taking notes on parts that interest you. Pay attention to the important considerations for laying out furniture and learning centers.
2. Complete the *Classroom Planning Layout Form*. This can be used by you as a working document to gather the information needed as you plan your classroom layout. You should choose which space you want to design for: infant, toddler, or preschool.

REVIEW:

1. Use the Child Care Center Design Kit to design the space you planned for.
2. You should have a dry erase marker, microfiber cloth, design board, photo key card, and set of scaled furniture tiles.

Note: ½" on the planning board = 1'

3. There are enough scaled furniture tiles to accommodate the following child-to-teacher ratio for each room:
 - a. Infant room - 1 instructor: 4 infants
 - b. Toddler room - 1 instructor: 8 toddlers
 - c. Preschool room - 1 instructor: 10 preschool children
4. You should use the information gathered and best practices learned to lay out the optimal room design for your childcare room.
5. The dry erase markers can be used to add details to each room, such as learning center locations and permanent fixtures.