

## CHILD CARE EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS LIST

*Note: The Best Practice column assumes that everything in the Guideline column is already in place.*

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<b>Furnishings</b>	
<p><i>General:</i>            Child-sized tables and chairs (enough for maximum attendance) situated in activity centres as appropriate            Cots/sleeping mats (plus sheets, blankets, pillows)            Waste containers            Child-accessible storage shelves (appropriate for each activity centre)            Adult storage shelving            Mirrors at crawling &amp; standing height            Cubbies/lockers/child's personal storage space            Sturdy step stool (for sinks, counters, etc.)</p>	Adult-sized chairs (one for each staff) in each group room Loft Kneeling/floor-sitting table (25-30 cm high) Standing (child) table (50-60 cm high) Ceiling mirrors Computer Comfortable adult furniture in adult areas
<p><i>Infants:</i>            Cribs/playpens - one per child enrolled            Diaper change table            Infant monitor            High chairs            Stroller or high-sided wagon            Car seats (if transporting)</p>	Activity saucer (stationary entertainment centre)
<p><i>Toddlers:</i>            Potty chair            Car seats (if transporting)</p>	
<b>Toys &amp; Materials</b>	
<b>Art Centre</b>	
<p><i>Furniture:</i>            Easel (wall-mounted or freestanding)</p>	Drying Rack Paper storage rack Paper cutter
<p><i>Painting supplies:</i>            Brushes with short thick handles            Sheet of heavy plastic to protect table/floor            Powdered tempera paints (red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, black, white, brown)            Paint shirts            Paint containers            Finger-paint materials (soap flakes, cornstarch, liquid soap)</p>	Brushes (assorted sizes and types) Additional tempera colours Tempera blocks Water colours Prepared finger-paint Shaving cream Sponges Bingo daubers
<p><i>Modeling supplies:</i>            Tightly covered containers            Clay flour            Play dough ingredients            Rolling pins            Cookie cutters</p>	Pipe cleaners Plasticene Assorted additional play dough carving and molding tools
<p><i>Drawing materials:</i>            Large diameter crayons      Erasers            Regular crayons              Pencil crayons            Primary pencils                Felt tip markers            Rulers (short and long)      Stencils            Pencil sharpener</p>	Water soluble chalk              Chalkboards Pastels                              Coloured chalk Oil pastels                         Chalkboard brushes HB pencils Fabric crayons
<p><i>Cutting &amp; Gluing Materials:</i>            Blunt scissors (right &amp; left handed)</p>	Paper punches

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<i>Paper:</i> Newsprint Construction paper - assorted colours & sizes Poster paper - assorted colours & sizes White drawing paper - assorted sizes Recycled paper (used on one side)	Heavy shelf paper Manila tag Bristol board Finger-paint paper Crepe paper Corrugated rolls Wallpaper samples <table style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: top; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>Tissue paper</td></tr> <tr><td>Cellophane</td></tr> <tr><td>Gummed paper - sheets and precut shapes</td></tr> <tr><td>Tracing paper</td></tr> <tr><td>Onionskin</td></tr> <tr><td>Gift wrap</td></tr> </table>	Tissue paper	Cellophane	Gummed paper - sheets and precut shapes	Tracing paper	Onionskin	Gift wrap																																										
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<i>Accessories:</i> Wooden train set Cars, trucks, airplanes - large & small Animal sets - farm, zoo, wild Family miniatures (people)	Transportation signs Car mat/rug Toy village, farm, airport, castle, garage, etc.. Pictures of buildings Roads with built-up sides																																																
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<i>Furniture:</i> Kitchen set - stove, sink, table & chairs Cradle Rack for dress-up clothing	Refrigerator, dish cupboard Child-sized bed Rocking chair Dresser																																																
<i>House play:</i> Baking/cooking utensils - dish set, pots & pans Cleaning equipment - child-sized broom, dust pan,	Dish rack Multiethnic cooking utensils																																																

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ironing board, toy iron	Real dishes & cooking utensils Vacuum Play food Food cartons/containers
<i>Dress-up play:</i> Adult clothing - men's & women's Mirrors Occupational clothing & props - helmets, hats, shoes, jackets, lunch bucket, briefcase, masks, etc. Multiethnic clothing & props	Wigs Make-up Old Halloween costumes Prop kits <sup>1</sup> - large boxes containing assorted themed prop materials such as postal, store, hair dresser/barber, restaurant, hospital, office, garage, farmer, fire fighter, space, cultural, leisure/sports, historical, mythical/fantasy Stage/platform
<i>Doll play:</i> Assorted dolls - male, female, multiethnic, baby dolls, dolls of varying abilities Doll accessories - bedding, bottles, clothes Doll bed	Doll stroller Doll bathtub Doll high chair Dollhouse with furniture and accessories
<i>Miscellaneous:</i> Toy telephone Cuddly stuffed toys Pictures of household items, emotions, feelings, multiethnic people and places	Real telephone (non-working) Assorted real non-working household items Tent
<i>Puppet play:</i> Hand puppets People puppets	Puppet theatre Body puppets Finger puppets Puppet making supplies
<b>Gross Motor Area</b>	
<i>Climbing equipment:</i> Climbing apparatus (appropriate for the age of the children) Balance beam	Climber add-ons (gangplank, rings, climbing rope, steering wheel, etc.) Teeter board Trapeze
<i>Games equipment:</i> Balls - assorted sized & types (rubber, soccer, coloured plastic) Bean bags Skipping ropes	Bats - large, lightweight      Hoops Punching bag                      Giant ball Bowling set                         Parachute Ring toss                             Large ropes
<i>Gymnastics equipment:</i> Rocking boats Tumbling mats	Tunnels                                 Rocking horse Large inflated mattress          Spring board Foam shapes - wedges,          Box horse bolsters
<i>Wheeled equipment:</i> Tricycles Riding toys Wagons Push & pull toys	Occupational riding vehicles - tractors, trucks Wheelbarrow Two-wheeled bikes Roller skates Scooter boards
<i>Outdoor Equipment:</i> (in addition to items in other categories that can be used	Garden tools, wheel barrow

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<i>indoors and outdoors)</i> Large climbing frame Sandbox Pails & shovels - many Brooms Picnic tables Wading pools Hoses, sprinkler Sleds Snow shovels Large Tonka-type vehicles	Novelties: boat, tree trunk Climbing frame accessories/add-ons Planks, crates, tires Play house Kites Frisbee
<b>Library/Language/Reading/Quiet Centre</b>	
<i>Furniture:</i> Display rack book shelf Carpet Large cushions	Adult rocking or arm chair Foam chip chairs Child-sized sofa, arm chair, rocker Pillows/cushions in many shapes & sizes
<i>Looking materials:</i> Picture books for various ages and with a variety of subject material (cloth, cardboard, washable, pictures only, fiction, nonfiction, alphabet) Child-made booklets Pictures	Photo album Slide projector & slide sets View finder and slides TV/VCR and children's videos
<i>Listening materials:</i> Tape and/or CD player - child-accessible Tapes and/or CDs Tape and storybook sets	Headphones Listening centre (to allow 3-4 children to listen at once with headphones) Listening games
<i>Talking materials:</i> Prints/posters about feelings, emotions, self, family, community, etc.	Additional prints/posters about concepts (shapes, letters, words), occupations, etc. Chart stand Chart stand paper
<i>Concept materials:</i> Flannel board Flannel board sets - people, animals, etc. Small manipulatives	Easel for flannel board Additional sets - shapes, fruits, body parts, storybook characters, etc. Magnetic board Magnet sets
<b>Manipulatives/Fine Motor Area</b>	
<i>Furniture:</i> Table & chairs Carpeted floor area	Puzzle rack Shelf with rack for bins
<i>Puzzles:</i> Wooden puzzles - 5-20 pieces with knobs Cardboard puzzles - 5-100 pieces	Additional wooden puzzles with & without knobs Floor puzzles - 15-50 pieces Mutli-texture puzzles Foam rubber puzzles Plastic puzzles Sequence puzzles
<i>Pegboards:</i> Wooden pegboards with assorted size holes and pieces	Giant pegboards Crepe foam pegboard

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	Light Bright
<i>Math/numbers:</i> Number games such as number lotto Assorted counting toys (such as teddy bear counters) Parquetry blocks & patterns Dominoes	Abacus Additional counting toys to rotate choice Measuring tapes & rulers Scales - bathroom, balance Magnetic numbers
<i>Manipulatives:</i> Large wooden beads with large holes Laces/stiff string Pounding boards with mallets Nesting containers Stacking pole with cylinders Miniature dramatic play toys	Large wooden beads with small holes Small beads Bead patterns Additional assorted nesting boxes, baskets, barrels Apparatus with bolts, screws & tools Clothing set - snapping, zippering, buttoning, lacing Form box Elastic board Lock & key board/box Things with lids - boxes, jars
<i>Games:</i> Picture lotto Card games Board games such as Candyland	Letter lotto Assorted concept lottos
<i>Constructive:</i> Small wooden cubes Small unit blocks Regular lego Tinkertoys Small cars & trucks	Cube patterns Duplo Assorted interlocking plastic & wooden toy sets Small soft blocks Mechano
<i>Sewing:</i> Blunt needles Blank sewing cards Sharp scissors Assorted wool	Sharp needles with large eyes Embroidery hoop Burlap Embroidery cotton
<b>Music/Movement Centre</b>	
Tape/CD player - child-accessible Tapes/CDs - folk songs, children's songs, singing games, classical, pop, rhythm, jazz, cultural, movement Song books Rhythm instruments, including some with large knobs Xylophone Scarves, banners, props to wave	Blank tapes Microphone for tape recording Piano Hand drum Chime bars Extra rhythm instruments Cultural rhythm instruments - bongo drums, rain sticks, etc. Autoharp
<b>Sand Centre</b>	
<i>Furniture:</i> Sand table	
<i>Accessories:</i> Sand Assorted plastic beakers, measuring cups, margarine containers, etc. Pails Shovels, scoops, spoons Sifters	Miniature people Animal sets Small plastic trees, buildings, etc. Rakes, hoes Molds, cookie cutters Muffin tins

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Funnels Small vehicles	Sprinkler can Screen Sand substitutes (rice, lentils, bird seed, cornmeal)
<b>Water Play Centre</b>	
<i>Furniture:</i> Water table	
<i>Accessories:</i> Water Aprons Mops Towels Sponges Dolls Measuring cups	Assorted plastic containers & bowls Funnels Sieve Egg beater
	Siphon Plastic tubing Food colouring Liquid soap Bubble pipes Straws for blowing bubbles Water of differing temperatures (including ice) Water pump Water wheel Squirt bottles Floating toys
<b>Science/Nature Centre</b>	
<i>Furniture:</i> Extra light source	Audiovisual equipment
<i>Concept materials:</i> Magnets - assorted shapes & sizes Items made & not made of iron (for magnets) Balance scales Items for weighing Magnifying glass Items to view Thermometer Books - relating to themes Pictures - relating to themes	Iron filings Microscope Flashlight Batteries & bulbs Discovery boxes Games using science concepts Kaleidoscopes Colour wheel Skeleton Stethoscope Hand mirror Globe Prism
<i>Nature materials:</i> Plants Watering can Pets - guinea pigs Pet food Pet cages Pictures - relating to nature Books - relating to nature	Terrarium Potting/planting materials Assorted pets Bug catchers & keepers Aquarium Fish & fish food Shells, rocks, etc. Nature games - matching cards, sequencing cards Ant farm Nests
<i>Cooking:</i> Cooking utensils Ingredients Aprons Oven mitts Recipe charts	Pictures of food and cooking Books about food and cooking Hot plate Toaster oven Games involving food, smell, taste, etc.
<b>Woodworking/Carpentry Centre</b>	
<i>Furniture:</i> Woodworking bench Tool rack Box for wood scraps	Tree stump for hammering nails into
<i>Tools: (good real tools)</i> Hammer Saws Vise Clamps Sandpaper Wood glue	Assorted soft wood scraps Nails with large heads Assorted other nails Safety goggles/glasses Work gloves Screwdriver Screws Brace & bit Styrofoam Paint & brushes Spools Pliers Shellac

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<b>Infants</b>	
<i>*Note: All toys for, and accessible to, infants must be of a size and construction appropriate for infants</i>	
<i>Birth to 3 months:</i> Rattles Large rings Squeeze & sucking toys Cardboard or vinyl books with high-contrast illustrations	Mobile located within baby's vision
<i>4 to 6 months: All of the above plus:</i> Soft doll Texture balls Toys that make noise when batted, squeezed or mouthed	
<i>7 to 12 months: All of the above plus:</i> Rag & baby dolls Stuffed animals Puppets Large soft blocks Rubber or large plastic balls Nesting toys Cloth or soft vinyl books with bright pictures Soft plastic or wooden vehicles with wheels	
<i>12 to 18 months: All of the above plus:</i> Surprise or music box Board books with simple stories and pictures Recordings with songs and rhymes Fat non-toxic crayons Large blank paper Assorted blocks People, animals and vehicles made of wood or rubber Sand and water toys Large cardboard boxes to crawl in	Wide watercolour markers Old magazines to tear

### 1. Prop kits - examples:

*Supermarket* - cash register (can be homemade cardboard box), plastic fruit & vegetables, play money (can be homemade), paper or plastic grocery bags, scale, shopping baskets, empty food boxes & containers (cereal, margarine, etc.)

*Hospital* - white or green shirts, stethoscope, band-aids, gauze, clipboard with paper & pencil, hospital gowns, old sheet (solid colour), play thermometer, play doctor's kit

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