

## Program Goals:

High Quality Early Childhood settings are associated with immediate & long term positive outcomes for children. Children who attend high quality Early Childhood Programs where they experience warm, supportive relationships are happier, less anxious & more motivated to learn.

- Promote the health, safety, nutrition & well-being of the children.
- Support positive & responsive interaction among the children, parents, child care providers, & staff.
- Encourage the children to interact & communicate in a positive way & support their ability to self-regulate.
- Foster the children's exploration, play & inquiry.
- Provide child-initiated & adult supported experiences.
- Plan for & create positive learning environments & experiences in which each child's learning & development will be supported.
- Incorporate indoor & outdoor, as well as active play, rest & quiet time, into the day, & give consideration to the individual needs of the children receiving child care.
- Foster the engagement of & ongoing communications with parents about the program & their children.
- Involve local community partners & allow those partners to support the children, their families & staff.
- Support Staff or others who interact with the children at the child care center premises in relation to continuous professional learning.

A long time ago, the Creator came to Turtle Island and said to the Red People, "You will be the keepers of the Mother Earth. Among you I will give the wisdom about Nature, about the interconnectedness of all things, about balance, and about living in harmony. You Red People will see the secrets of Nature. You will live in hardship and the blessing of this is you will stay close to the Creator. The day will come when you will need to share the secrets with other people of the earth because they will stray from their Spiritual ways.

**The time to start sharing is today.**