



Enrichment Activity Program Philosophy and Project Guidelines

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery Mission:

The mission of the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery is to end child abuse and neglect and create strong, healthy families.

The Enrichment Activity Program serves to meet the mission of the Crisis Nursery by providing learning experiences that expand the children's overall knowledge and comprehension of the world. These activities give children opportunities to enhance their creativity and motor skills. Because the children in our care have experienced crisis and stress, we strive to give them positive and valuable experiences and enrichment activities that give them the opportunity to imagine, create, move and communicate their thoughts and feelings in a safe and nurturing environment. We encourage large motor activities, which, in addition to relieving stress, are learning opportunities to promote positive social interactions and to encourage the development of skills and new experiences.

The Role of the Child Care Providers & Agency Volunteers:

Childcare staff and volunteers will guide children ages 2 through 6 in a variety of enrichment projects to help children develop and explore new skills with materials of art, music, and movement by:

- Sharing with children numerous interesting and varied examples of and appreciation for human diversity in our world.
- Inspiring children to explore the countless ways they might represent an idea, a concept, a thought, or a feeling.
- Encouraging children to reflect on their artistic representations
- Praising children for all their attempts to be original and personally revealing in their work.
- Helping children in the community of learners to be accepting and appreciative of their peers
- Incorporate The Nursery Way philosophy into all interactions with the children

Enrichment Activity Project Guidelines for Volunteers

Material Criteria for Enrichment Activity Projects:

- Projects should be developmentally appropriate for children 2-6 years old.
- Projects pertaining to people should include multicultural materials such as: tan, brown, and black paint, paper, collage materials and play-doh.
- Projects can be based on the four seasons of the year.
- Only non-toxic materials can be used: crayons, markers, paint, glue, etc.
- Please NO projects with the use of: beads, beans, coins, balloons, safety pins, tin cans, or other sharp edged materials which may cause potential injury or hazard.
- GMCN requires an activity plan for each enrichment project. The plan will assist Child Care Provider staff and agency volunteers in facilitating, evaluating, and maintaining the project and art supplies. **Please complete the Enrichment Activity Plan and reference the In-Stock Material list to get a better idea of the supplies we have here at the nursery for you to use.**
- Contact Keith Johnson, our Volunteer Services Coordinator, if you have questions on specific project ideas or materials. Keith can be reached at 612-767-8483.



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY PLAN

Volunteer/s: _____ Time: _____ Date: _____

Number of Children: _____ Number of Volunteers: _____

Child Care Provider: _____ Shift: _____

1. TITLE OF ACTIVITY:

2. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES (Why is this appropriate for the children we serve?):

3. MATERIALS NEEDED:

4. TIME ESTIMATE/S:

5. METHOD OR PROCEDURES (What do you do in this activity):

6. EVALUATION OF CHILDREN'S INVOLVEMENT:

7. VOLUNTEER EVALUATION OF PROJECT/CHILDREN'S INVOLVEMENT:

***Please circle in-stock materials/supplies that need to be replenished.**

Crayons	Glue Sticks
Markers	Play-doh
Colored Paper	Children's Scissors
Plain Paper	Water Color Paints and Brushes
Construction Paper	Finger Paint
Elmer's Glue	Painting Bibs