

# Parent Aware Standards

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### Physical health and wellbeing

- Promotes child safety, injury prevention, and a learning-rich environment that is free of hazards
- Provides nutritious meals, opportunities for physical activity, and linkages to supports for families related to physical, oral and social-emotional health

### Teaching and relationships

- Communicates regularly with families and links them to parent education services
- Supports children's transitions to kindergarten
- Promotes and supports the learning and development of all children, including children who are linguistically and culturally diverse, and children with disabilities
- Demonstrates effectiveness through intentional interactions with children
- Provides individualized instruction that promotes development and helps close the learning gap so that children perform at age level or higher

### Assessment of child progress

- Assesses children by observing and tracking their developmental progress using a research-based assessment tool, and uses those results to individualize instruction
- Includes families in the assessment process

### Teacher training and education

- Caregivers/lead teachers, program directors/administrators, education coordinators:
  - Have formal education degrees or credentials in early childhood education or a related field
  - Are engaged in ongoing professional development to ensure current knowledge and skills
- Program directors/administrators have specialized preparation in program administration or business management