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COMPONENT: FACILITIES, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT

SUBJECT: APPROPRIATENESS OF EQUIPMENT, TOYS, AND MATERIALS

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: To ensure program equipment, materials, toys, and furniture support educational objectives and are matched to the interests, developmental levels, temperaments, languages, cultural backgrounds, and learning styles of children.

PROCEDURES:

1. Ensure sufficient equipment, toys, materials, and furniture are provided and arranged to meet the needs and facilitate the participation of children and adults.
2. Ensure equipment, toys, materials, and furniture are supportive of the specific educational objectives of the program.
3. Ensure equipment, toys, materials, and furniture are supportive of the cultural and ethnic backgrounds of the children.
4. Ensure equipment, toys, and materials are age-appropriate, safe, and supportive of the abilities and developmental level of each child served with adaptations for children with disabilities when required.
5. Ensure equipment, toys, materials, and furniture are accessible, attractive, and inviting to children.
6. Ensure equipment, toys, and materials are designed to provide a variety of learning experiences and to encourage each child to experiment and explore.
7. Ensure equipment, toys, materials, and furniture are safe, durable, and kept in good working order.
8. Ensure equipment, toys, and materials are stored in a safe and orderly fashion when not in use.