

PROVISION OF CARE - DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

POLICY

The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child says that human kind owes the child the best it has to give, without any exception or discrimination whatsoever. It also says that a child should be brought up to maturity in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, friendship and peace. The role of Family Day Care is to assist a child to grow up in that spirit.

This Scheme upholds the dignity and rights of each child to learn and grow in an environment which offers opportunities that reflect the holistic way children learn and grow in the wider world of family and community, experiencing responsive and reciprocal relationships with people, places and things.

These inalienable rights are espoused:

- dignity and respect for the individual child.
- opportunities for the child to develop personality, talents, self-reliance, and intellectual, social and physical abilities to the fullest potential.
- affirmation of the child's own culture, religion and language.
- equitable opportunities for full and active participation.
- opportunities for play as a vehicle for learning and for recreation.
- opportunities for rest and leisure.
- protection from physical and mental abuse or injury.
- access to a clean and protected natural environment.

Source: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
National Law, Regulations and Standards (ACECQA 2011)

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