



Specialized Consultants

GUIDELINES FOR SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS SERVING STUDENTS IN THE YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

All support professionals who work with individuals or groups of children at the YCP must be approved by the Coordinator. Because children attend the YCP for only 2½ hours per day, the services offered during school hours are limited to specific diagnostic evaluations and professional intervention which supports a child's positive experience at school.

Although fulfilling an important function, support professionals are guests of the Young Children's Program and must abide by the following guidelines:

- Adults who work alone with children have completed all screenings required by the Virginia Department of Social Services.
- The schedule of special services is arranged with the classroom teacher. If changes are necessary, the teacher is notified as soon as possible by leaving a phone message (568-6089). Drop-in visits are not appropriate.
- The autonomy of the program and authority of the teacher are respected at all times.
- All interactions with children communicate respect and an understanding of their developmental level.
- Services support the normal routine of the classroom. Voice volume is consistent with that used by the teacher.
- Intervention with children other than the one(s) being served is kept to a minimum. If involvement becomes necessary, the language and strategies used are consistent with those modeled by the teacher.
- Respect for the confidentiality of information related to children and families is required. Professional dialogue about specific children is conducted privately.
- The YCP is not available as a meeting site for business other than that which directly relates to our program or our students.