



Samaritans Early Learning Centre – Woodberry

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The staff at the Samaritans Early Learning Centre – Woodberry believe that each child should be given the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential and that each family has the right to be respected regardless of their culture, gender, age, religion, physical and intellectual abilities, socio-economic or family structure.

We aim to achieve this by providing:

- A flexible, responsive and innovative Service to children and families who are experiencing social, geographic, cultural or economic isolation.
- An environment where the staff and parents can communicate and work with each other freely and openly for the benefit of the children.
- A warm and caring environment, which fosters a sense of security, basic trust and acceptance of others and a positive self- concept.
- An environment, which welcomes parental presence, involvement and contribution.
- An educational program that encourages exploration, experimentation and repetition in order to develop and extend the individual abilities of the children.
- Staff who are caring, friendly and sensitive to the individual needs of each child and who will foster their unique abilities and heritage.
- Staff who react in a positive manner to meet the needs of the children in order to encourage autonomy, independence, initiative and choice.
- An environment, which is safe, hygienic and supervised in accordance with the Childcare Regulations mandated by the Department of Community Services.
- A program, which encourages positive attitudes towards health and nutrition.
- Trained and experienced staff who are committed to continued professional development.
- A centre that follows the Samaritans foundation's mission, vision and core values.