

Early Childhood Development
Floor Plan Evaluation and Safety Features

Floor Plan Evaluation

Important factors to consider:

1. Traffic Flow

- Clear of any obstructions _____
- Clearly defined paths _____
- Easy exits and entrances _____

2. Center Areas

- Clearly defined center areas _____
- Low shelves that offer view of the whole room _____
- Appropriate furniture in each area _____
- Traditional centers in the room (table-top toy area, reading/library area, construction area-block, woodworking table, are area, etc.)

3. Design of Room

- Quiet areas next to each other _____
- Noisy areas next to each other _____
- Science, cooking area, near water source _____
- Large group space, small group space, individual space, etc.

- Natural light _____
- Decoration which would include wall colors, etc. _____

4. Display Areas

- Bulletin Board to display children's work _____
- Communication Board for parents _____
- Important Events Board-calendar, etc. _____
- Communication Board for children _____

Safety Features Evaluation

- Barriers in elevated areas
 - Exits free of obstructions
 - Glass doors/ windows marked
 - Stairways with over 4 steps have a railing and safety gates
 - Electrical outlets have caps on them or are placed above the children's height
 - Child has adequate, individual storage area (cubbies)
 - Windows have screens
 - Adequate ventilation
 - Doors and windows are fire safe and in good repair
 - All fans are child-safe
 - Bathroom doors open both ways
 - Heating equipment safe/shield
 - Room temperature at least 65 degrees
 - Natural/artificial light
 - Hazardous items are stored safely and out of reach of Children
 - Kitchen non-accessible by children
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