

Eight Indicators of Quality Early Childhood Centers*

1. Faith Development of the Child

- Faith development of the child is given first priority
- Faith Development permeates the atmosphere

2. The EC Center is United with the Mission/Ministry of the Congregation

- United ministries
- Team Ministry
- Faith Community
- Philosophy Statement

3. Outreach to center families and the community

- Publications/Print Resources
- Invitations
- Educations (Spiritual and parenting)
- Crisis
- Referrals

4. Qualified Director

- Personal; growing in faith
- Regular worship; Study of God's Word
- Educations (Synodically trained, colloquy, child development, CDA)
- Business/Financial acumen

5. Quality Environment

- Christ-centered
- Child-Focused
- Developmentally appropriate
- Health/Safety
- Teach/child ratios
- NLSA NAEYC
- Anti-Biased

6. Planned Curriculum

- Christ-Centered
- Child-Focused
- Developmentally appropriate
- Play-based
- Center-based (learning centers)

7. Qualified Staff

- Personal; growing in faith
- Member of a Christian Congregation

- Regular worship; study of God's word
- Education (faith development; child development)
- Participates in staff development/professional development

8. Financial Stability

- Fair salaries
- Benefits
- Unified Budget
- Continuing Education for Staff
- Shared responsibility for facility debt
- Shared responsibility for facility services
- Shared responsibility for utilities

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