



Helen R. Walton  
CHILDREN'S  
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# CREATIVE CURRICULUM FOR INFANTS & TODDLERS



Nurturing. Responsive. Intentional.



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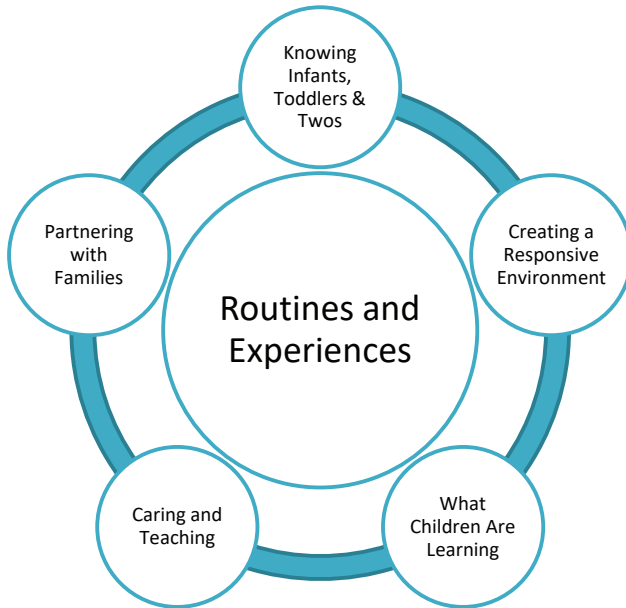


Think, just for a moment, about the everyday discoveries that delight young children. From the colors dancing on the wall as light passes through a prism, to the jingling bells in a toy, to the amazing accomplishment of a first step—the everyday moments in infants and toddlers are so special and important.

The Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center (HWCEC) follows the Creative Curriculum and assessment tool (GOLD). Creative Curriculum is an Arkansas State approved early childhood curriculum package that aligns with the new standards relating to K-12 Common Core curriculum.



# RESPONSIVE CAREGIVING



Routines offer the opportunity to build positive relationships with children and promote trust. Too often, the time spent diapering and toileting, feeding, dressing and helping children fall asleep are missed opportunities for development and learning. The Creative Curriculum helps use routine times to nurture children's curiosity, help them feel secure and create a language rich environment full of warm, loving and meaningful interactions. This is what helps build the foundation for children's future success in school and in life.

The Creative Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers also focus on daily experiences, offering guidance on engaging children in playing with toys, imitating and pretending, enjoying books and stories, creating with art and much more. It allows HWCEC to be intentional about daily experiences we provide, while giving us the flexibility to respond to the changing interests, abilities and needs of the children in our care.

# CURRICULUM COMPONENTS

The Creative Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that helps teachers understand developmentally appropriate practice and how to offer nurturing daily routines and meaningful experiences that meet children's needs, strengths and interests.

Nationally known for the forward-thinking, rigorously researched model, The Creative Curriculum has been trusted for decades by early childhood educators across the country. It focuses on providing responsive, intentional care while honoring and respecting the role that teachers and caregivers play in helping children develop secure attachments and gain confidence as learners.

The curriculum components are designed to help every teacher build a supportive and engaging program. For more information, please contact your child's Department Coordinator.





Research-based. Innovative.  
Engaging. Fun.



# WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES FOR

## **Social-Emotional Development** TO LEARN ABOUT SELF AND OTHERS

- Trusts known, caring adults
- Regulates own behavior
- Manages own feelings
- Responds to others' feelings with growing empathy
- Learns to be a member of a group
- Uses personal care skills

## **Cognitive Development** TO LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD

- Sustains attention
- Understands how objects can be used
- Shows a beginning understanding of cause of effect
- Shows a beginning understanding of things that can be grouped



# DEVELOPMENT & LEARNING?

- Uses problem-solving strategies
- Engages in pretend play

## Physical Development TO LEARN ABOUT MOVING

- Demonstrates basic gross motor skills
- Demonstrates basic fine motor skills

## Language Development TO LEARN ABOUT COMMUNICATING

- Develops receptive language
- Develops expressive language
- Participates in conversations
- Enjoys books and being read to
- Shows an awareness of pictures and print
- Experiments with drawing and writing





Individualized. Comprehensive.  
Supportive.



Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center is proud to use Creative Curriculum to meet your child's developmental milestones.

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