

## **A Place To Grow's Parental Involvement Plan**

We encourage parental participation because we believe that strong partnerships between the center and the family are vital to providing good care for the child; therefore, our center has an open door policy. This means that families are welcome and encouraged to visit the center at any time.

There are many opportunities for parental involvement in the center.

- A Place To Grow New Hope Child Care Board of Directors reserves one space for a parent, with a child enrolled in the center, who is not a church member, to serve on the board.
- The center offers quarterly parenting seminars or center events. We encourage your assistance and participation with these events
- Family resources are available on parenting, child development, health and nutrition and general work/life and family topics.
- Open, honest communication is at the heart of what we do. We will share the joys, triumphs and challenges of your child's experience in the center. Daily weekly and monthly, formal and informal communication takes place through vehicles such as morning and afternoon greetings, daily and/or weekly written communication, bulletin boards, center calendars, newsletters and parent/teacher conferences
- We respect your role as the parent and view you as the "expert" for your child. We encourage you to participate in your child's transitions in the center; establishing a separation routine, determining how long you need to stay in the center during drop-off and having input about when your child will transition to another classroom
- Parental classroom participation is always welcome. Please discuss with your child's teacher how you may assist with classroom activities. There are opportunities for everyone. We encourage your creativity and input in finding how you can serve in our center.
- We will listen, with respect, to your concerns and make every effort to understand your perspective and help you feel satisfied with the care your child receives in the center.
- We embrace the diversity of all families and strive to demonstrate respect for your culture and create a place where all are welcome.
- We encourage you to share your ideas and concerns with center management and faculty at any time.
- An annual parent survey allows you to rate and comment on all aspects of the program.