



# Learning Through Relationships

*"Children learn from those they love." ~ Plato*

Plato said, "Children learn from those they love". Remember that loving environments help children develop social and emotional skills that will help them be successful in life.



Encouraging Early Learners in Brazos Valley

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## Relationships

When children experience loving, supportive relationships with their parents and caregivers, they are able to feel secure and confident that their needs will be met. This security will give your child the confidence to explore his/her surroundings and learn new things. Loving and consistent relationships help children learn:

- ✓ They learn they are loved and accepted
- ✓ They learn self-confidence
- ✓ They develop self-worth and self-esteem
- ✓ They learn to be respectful and loving
- ✓ They learn empathy and compassion
- ✓ They develop courage to experience their environment

This sense of connection prepares your child for future relationships and gives your child the ability to be successful in school and life.



## Building Vocabulary

- ★ Pretty → Gorgeous
- ★ Smart → Bright
- ★ Big → Gigantic
- ★ Nice → Thoughtful
- ★ Like → Care for
- ★ Tasty → Delicious
- ★ Wet → Soaked
- ★ Walked → Strolled
- ★ Happy → Joyful

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## Early Relationships Matter

Starting from birth, children learn who they are by the quality of their relationships with parents and caregivers. Loving, consistent, and nurturing relationships give children a sense of security. These early relationships help children learn how to form future relationships, express their emotions appropriately, and work through challenges.

The earliest relationships support healthy brain development, build social and emotional skills, and support language development.

We have listed a few wonderful websites here that have great information on Building Relationships with your child.

- [Zero To Three](#)
- [Early Childhood Teacher](#)
- [Texas Childcare Solutions](#)
- [Child Care Encyclopedia](#)
- [Infant-Toddler TAMU](#)

# Growth and Development

## Incredible Infants (0-9 months):

Guess What?! I love looking at your face. Please spend time playing with me!

## Mobile Movers (9-24 months):

Guess What?! I know when you are gone. Please reassure me that you will come back when you leave.

## Terrific Two's:

Guess What?! I watch what you do when you are with me. Please help me learn how to be helpful.



To learn more about developmental milestones, visit [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov)

Remember! Every child develops at his/her own pace!

## "Look At Me" Three's:

Guess What?! I know how to do many things now. Please let me do some things by myself!

## Fantastic Four's:

Guess What?! I like to play with my friends. Please allow me to play with friends and teach me how to do it!

## Reading to All Ages:

Reading to your child on a daily basis builds your relationship with him/her and prepares your child for successful school experiences!

# Parent Policies - Reporting Changes

If you receive Child Care Subsidies through Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley, you agree to report any household changes that might effect your eligibility within 14 calendar days.

## Changes to Report—A few examples:

1. Updated contact information including physical or mailing address, phone number, or emergency contact.
2. Change in household composition or size (increase or decrease).

To Report a Change, Call:  
**(979) 595-2801 ext. 2105**  
Or Email:  
[CCMS@bvcog.org](mailto:CCMS@bvcog.org)

3. Loss of job, new job, or other job changes, temporary or permanent, including a pay raise, bonus, and an increase or decrease in hours.
4. Any other change in your life which could affect your eligibility.

Remember! If you do not notify us of changes that make you ineligible for services, you will be responsible for paying back all child care payments made during that time.

*It is always better to call and ask if it affects your eligibility than to find out later.*

# Family Activity Corner

Loving and nurturing relationships set the foundation for your child's social and emotional development. These relationships also contribute to your child's success in school.

There are thousands of videos and websites on relationships and how they helps your child, so we have selected a few to get you started!

[Building Positive Relationships](#)

[Serve and Return](#)

[Parenting Tips](#)

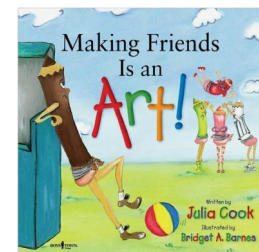


Below we have provided a list of things to help build loving relationships.

- ◇ Play with your child and allow your child to explore.
- ◇ Have conversations about things that interest your child.
- ◇ Create family traditions and routines.
- ◇ Comfort and soothe your child when in distress; love them unconditionally.
- ◇ Teach your child that they do not have to be perfect.

Reading with your child on a regular basis is a great way to build a positive relationship. Here is a book suggestion you may want to consider that highlights skills for making friends and celebrates the individual differences in each of us.

***Making Friends Is an Art!*** By Julia Cook



## Provider Policies - Parent Share of Cost & Difference in Cost of Care

When a Child Care Services Specialist calls to inform you of any new referrals, they will mail out a 2450 Authorization Form. This form confirms the child's name, the approved referral dates, and Parent Share of Cost—amount paid to you by the parent.

In addition to the Parent Share of Cost, there are two types of fees that you may be able to charge CCS parents. They are:

1. Difference in Cost of Care—This is the amount you are allowed to charge that is the difference between your published rate and the rate that CCS pays—**IF** a difference exists.

CCS Provider  
Specialist

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2. Additional Fees—Any fees that are not included in your daily rate, such as meals, transportation, and special activities or field trips.

There are fees that you are NOT allowed to charge the parent. Those fees include:

1. Registration Fees
2. Supply Fees
3. Curriculum Fees

For more information on what you should and should not be charging CCS parents, please read the [Provider Handbook!](#)

## Provider Resources

Are you looking for professional development hours for your staff? Want to make sure they are learning something from the training hours?

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offers convenient, affordable, self-paced eLearning! Each account and course is FREE. A few of the courses require that you pay a small processing fee for the official printable certificate, but most certificates are FREE!

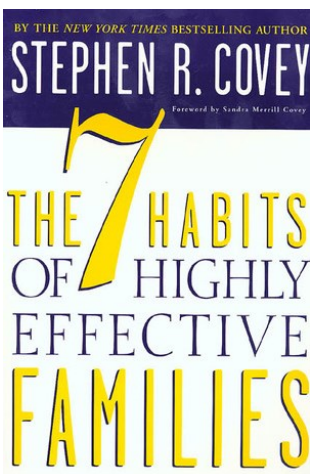
The course offerings cover everything from Pre-Service training, to CDA renewal, to DFPS mandatory annual trainings, and even Special Needs. They have courses focusing on infants and toddlers all the way up to school-age children.

Create a [Free Account](#) to enroll in Child Care courses TODAY!



The more you know, the further you'll go!

## Curriculum Enrichment



Stephen R. Covey was an author, educator, and professional speaker. Mr. Covey wrote multiple books during his life, most of which contained a message of leadership and empowerment, on a level that resonated with his readers.

Mr. Covey established his own company in 1985 which eventually merged to form FrankinCovey, a world-renowned firm that specializes in training and productivity tools. His organization's mission statement reads: "We enable greatness in people and organizations everywhere".

In his book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*, Steven R. Covey discusses many challenges, both large and small, that families face on a daily basis and offers a helpful guide to resolving these challenges. Mr. Covey's use of stories throughout the book keeps the readers attention and inspires the desire for change.

Mr. Covey believed that people are not held captive by their past and that neither nature or nurture can determine their future; but rather, he believed that people have the power to choose their own future.

# What Does Quality Care Mean and Why Does It Matter?

Research tells us that our children's healthy development depends on safe and positive relationships and experiences during the first few years of life. Choosing quality child care is one of the most important decisions you will make for your child as they will be spending a good portion of their first few years in the care of someone other than their parents or family members.

You might want to visit several different child care programs, either centers or family child care homes, before you decide which one is best for your family. Call each child care program and schedule an appointment for your visit. Once there, watch activities, check the surroundings, and ask questions. Find a program that is convenient, open when you need it, and will have a long lasting positive impact on your child's development. Most importantly, you and your child need a child care program that makes sure your child is learning, healthy, and in a physically and emotionally safe environment, ensuring that your child's emotional needs are met.

## Texas Rising Star Program

The Texas Rising Star program is a voluntary program striving to provide a higher level of quality care for children. Texas Rising Star provides mentoring and professional development resources to prepare for, sustain, and improve the quality of early childhood environments.

There are three levels of certification (Two-Star, Three-Star, and Four-Star) to encourage providers to attain progressively higher levels of certification. Texas Rising Star provides a higher level of reimbursement, eligibility for quality fund distribution, and out-of-region trainings such as the TLCCA and TAEYC annual fall conferences. Each year, Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley Board spends approximately \$400,000 on quality items for child care providers who are working towards their Texas Rising Star Provider status.

Providers who are interested in being certified as Texas Rising Star Providers are encouraged to visit the website to learn more.

<http://texasrisingstar.org>



Provider Name	Star Level
A&M United Methodist Weekday School	★★★★
AlphaBEST - Bowen Elementary	★★☆☆
AlphaBEST - Crockett Elementary	★★☆☆
AlphaBEST - Fannin Elementary	★★☆☆
AlphaBEST - Johnson Elementary	★★☆☆
AlphaBEST - Houston Elementary	★★☆☆
Becky Gates Children's Center	★★★★
Big Top Learning Center	★★★★
Blessings from Above CCC 2	★★☆☆
Brazos Valley Kidz Academy	★★☆☆
Bullfrogs and Butterflies Child Care	★★★★
Christ Lutheran Day School	★★★★
First Step Learning Center	★★☆☆
Kinder Care 839	★★★★
Kinder Care 841	★★★★
Kinder Care 843	★★★★
Methodist Weekday Child Development Center	★★★★
New Beginnings Christian CD Home	★★☆☆
Rising Star Learning Center	★★☆☆

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Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired customers may contact: Relay Texas (800) 735-2989 (TTY) or 711 (Voice).