



# Learning Through Music & Movement

*"Our children should be educated with music and physical education." ~ Aristotle*

When children dance they are using their bodies and their minds. Music gives children opportunities to move their bodies to different rhythms in different ways. Music and movement contribute to children's healthy development.



## Encouraging Early Learners Today

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## Incorporating Music and Movement into Daily Activities

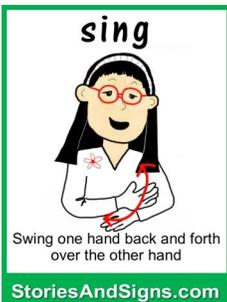
### Music and Movement

Music and movement are necessary for children's physical, cognitive, and social development. When they hear music, young children enjoy moving around. It is natural for them to dance and move with friends.

Music is a tool that can be used to help the brain establish connections which your child will need for later learning to read and do math. These connections need to be made early in their life for children to be successful in school.

Studies have shown that keeping a beat is linked to language development and helps with developing balance. Movement and rhythm stimulate the front part of the brain, which is important in language development and self-control.

- ★ Play musical chairs with your children.
- ★ Make musical toys with your child; like shakers, drums and rhythm sticks.
- ★ Make time to listen to different types of music with your children.
- ★ Play the Kazoo with your child. This helps you child develop rhythm.
- ★ Provide opportunities for your child to run and skip.
- ★ Help your child learn to balance by encouraging different movements such as standing on one foot.



## Parent Policies - Protect Your Child Care Services

If you receive Child Care Subsidies through Workforce Solutions Brazos Valley, you have a CCAA Swipe Card. Make sure that you are using your swipe card daily to indicate your child's attendance at his/her daycare center.

Remember! There is a limit to the number of absences your child can accumulate without penalty—and not swiping IS counted as an absence!

If you miss a day, you are able to go back for up to 6 days to report attendance.

Each account can have up to 4 CCAA cards, so if someone other than you picks up your child on a regular basis, order them their own card!

### Things to Avoid:

1. Leaving your CCAA card at your child's daycare center.
2. Allowing anyone, other than the person assigned to the card, to use the card.
3. Swiping a child as present when they were not in attendance.

*It is always better to call and ask about your child's absences and swipe history than to find out later.*

**To Check Your Child's Attendance, Call:**  
**(979) 595-2801 ext. 2243**  
**Or Email:**  
[CCMS@bvcog.org](mailto:CCMS@bvcog.org)

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# Texas Rising Star Program

## Quality Child Care Matters



Research tells us that a child'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 make for your child as they spend a good portion of their first few years in the care of someone other than their parents or family members. It is important to 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 in a physically and emotionally safe environment where he/she can learn new things.

The Texas Rising Star program is voluntary and assists providers who strive to provide a higher level of quality care for the children they serve by giving them access to mentoring and professional development resources designed to assist them in improving the quality of early childhood environments. For a list of local Texas Rising Star Providers, visit our website: [bvjobs.org/programs/childcare/](http://bvjobs.org/programs/childcare/)

## Music and Movement

Children enjoy dancing and singing because music and movement involve so many senses. The more senses that are involved in an activity, the more enjoyable the learning is for the children. When children sing and move their bodies to a song, they learn words in the song faster and remember them longer.

Music and movement inspires creativity and imagination in children. With their friends, children can plan and perform a concert for their parents and teachers. Planning and performing little shows helps them build important life skills.



### Curriculum Enrichment

- ★ Provide opportunities for children to explore different instruments.
- ★ Dance to the rhythm of different types of music.
- ★ Allow children to make up dance routines with scarves.
- ★ Build a stage so your children can pretend they are performing.
- ★ Host a talent show!

## Provider Policies - Reporting Issues and Emergency Closures

Sometimes, situations occur that need to be reported to your Provider Specialist.

Here are a few of those instances:

1. CCAA Swipe Card Machine is Not Working or your Phone Line is Down (Parents are unable to report attendance)
2. Emergency Closures
3. 5 Day "No-Call"/"No-Show"
4. Parent intent to not return to your center

It is important that your Provider Specialist knows when these situations occur to ensure your file is updated properly.

**CCS Provider Specialist**

(979) 595-2801  
ext. 2243

[CCMS@bvccog.org](mailto:CCMS@bvccog.org)

Other situations to report to CCS Staff or your Provider Specialist:

1. Non-payment of the parent share of cost (also known as the Parent Fee)
2. Transfers to or away from your center. You may request a current 2450 referral
3. Center Contact Information or Changes
4. Misuse of CCAA Cards

*Make sure you report all changes or situations within 5 business days.*

For more information, please refer to the [Provider Handbook!](#)

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