Gross Motor Skills

Yog vim li cas gross motor skills tseem ceeb heev?


Lub zog loj pib loj hlub li cas?

Lub zog loj pib muaj zog los ntawm kev xyaum thiab ua qhov qub mus mus los los. Li ntawd, menyuam thiaj li siv sijhawm xyaum kom pib txawj nkag thiab zaum. Tiam sis, lub zog loj hlub los ntawm lub paj hlwb. Yog ntxim lub paj hlwb raug mob li cas lawm, coj koj tus menyuam mus xyuas thaj maum.

Kuv yuav txhawb kuv tus menyuam lub zog loj li cas?

- Coj koj tus menyuam mus ua si nraum zoov. Cia nws khiav, nce khoom, thiab dhia ua si.
- Ua si pob. Pis txvw, pov pob ua ke thiab haiv cov ABC lossis suav number.
- Cia ib tug menyuam ua tus coj thauam taug kev ua ke. Thaum tus coj ntawd dhia lossis khiav, sawv daws ua raws li nws ua.
- Txhawb nws txoj kev nyiam ntaus lossis ncaws pob. Zoo rau nws lub cev, thiab tsis tas li, yuav txhawb nws txoj kev zoo siab rau nws tus kheej.

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www.codenamenmama.com
Photo by Kassy Yang

Think Small invests in the lives of young children through quality early childhood education and educational resources. Since 1972, Think Small has educated, advocated, and supported thousands of parents, child care providers, and other early childhood professionals in the state of Minnesota and across the country.

Our mission. To advance quality care and education of children in their crucial early years.
Think Small has the following services:

1. **Professional Development in Classrooms and Online:** Classes on early childhood and on the business of child care are offered in many languages including English, Hmong, Amharic, Karen, Oromo, Spanish, and Somali. Interpreters are also available in other languages including Vietnamese and Chinese.

2. **Language Access Line for Hmong, Somali and Spanish:** Language support available statewide for parents and child care providers.

3. **Career Guidance Services:** Advice for child care providers on professional development.

4. **Quality Supports:** Quality improvement coaching and support for family child care providers and child care centers.

5. **Financial Support for Providers:** Grants, scholarships, and financial assistance for child care providers.

6. **Debra S. Fish Early Childhood Resources Library:** Over 4,000 books, materials, and bi-lingual resources for early childhood professionals and parents.

7. **Businesswise Support:** Support and information for child care providers.

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**Family Child Care Licensing Orientation**

*Kyv Kawn Txog Tsoj Cai Ua License Zov Menyuam Hauv Tsey*

Tuaj mloog txog tsoj cai ua license zov menyuam. Hauv qab no yoy cov hnub thiab sijhawm teem tseg.

**Orientation meetings**

To be considered for licensure, you must attend a free, 2-hour large group meeting. The meeting covers licensing rules, process, and other information. You will learn about many of the specific child care licensing requirements and have the opportunity to ask questions.

- Do not bring children as there is no child care.
- Applications are available only at these meetings.
- You must attend the orientation in the county you plan to operate your daycare.
- Must give 2 weeks notice if requesting an interpreter.

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Importance of Teacher & Student Interactions

By: University of Virginia Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) describes ten dimensions of teaching that are linked to student achievement and social development. Each dimension falls into one of three broad categories: emotional support, classroom organization, and instructional support.

Every day, teachers make countless real-time decisions and facilitate dozens of interactions between themselves and their students. Although they share this commonality, educators all over the country often talk about these decisions and interactions in different ways. The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS), developed at the University of Virginia’s Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning, helps educators view classrooms through a common lens and discuss them using a common language, providing support for improving the quality of teacher-student interactions and, ultimately, student learning.

How is the CLASS organized?
The CLASS describes ten dimensions of teaching that are linked to student achievement and social development. Each of the ten dimensions falls into one of three broad categories: emotional support, classroom organization, and instructional support.

Emotional support refers to the ways teachers help children develop warm, supportive relationships, experience enjoyment and excitement about learning, feel comfortable in the classroom, and experience appropriate levels of autonomy or independence. This includes:

- **Positive climate** — the enjoyment and emotional connection that teachers have with students, as well as the nature of peer interactions;
- **Negative climate** — the level of expressed negativity such as anger, hostility or aggression exhibited by teachers and/or students in the classroom;
- **Teacher sensitivity** — teachers’ responsiveness to students’ academic and emotional needs; and
- **Regard for student perspectives** — the degree to which teachers’ interactions with students and classroom activities place an emphasis on students’ interests, motivations, and points of view.

Classroom organization refers to the ways teachers help children develop skills to regulate their own behavior, get the most learning out of each school day, and maintain interest in learning activities. This includes:

- **Behavior management** — how well teachers monitor, prevent, and redirect misbehavior;
- **Productivity** — how well the classroom runs with respect to routines, how well students understand the routine, and the degree to which teachers provide activities and directions so that maximum time can be spent in learning activities; and
- **Instructional learning formats** — how teachers engage students in activities and facilitate activities so that learning opportunities are maximized.

Instructional support refers to the ways in which teachers effectively support students’ cognitive development and language growth. This includes:

- **Concept development** — how teachers use instructional discussions and activities to promote students’ higher-order thinking skills and cognition in contrast to a focus on rote instruction;
- **Quality of feedback** — how teachers expand participation and learning through feedback to students; and
- **Language modeling** — the extent to which teachers stimulate, facilitate, and encourage students’ language use.

Additional information about CLASS is available online at www.teachstone.org.
Community Announcements

Hmong Trainings

⇒ To register, please log onto www.developtoolmn.org.
⇒ Yog xav cuv npe kawm, nkag mus rau hauv www.developtoolmn.org.
⇒ Yog xav tau kev pab siv Develop, hu rau 651-366-6792.

January

SUID/AHT
(Event ID: 223698)
Date: Monday, 1/23/2017
Time: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Location: Think Small, Minneapolis
Fee: $10, 2 training hours

February

Early Childhood Screening—What It’s All About
(Event ID: 223718)
Date: Wednesday, 2/8/2017
Time: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Location: Think Small, Minneapolis
Fee: FREE, 2 training hours

Active Supervision: Emergency Situations
(Event ID: 224802)
Date: Monday, 2/13/2017
Time: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Location: Think Small, St. Paul
Fee: $10.00, 2 training hours

Become a Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Facility!

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has launched a program to recognize family child care homes and child care centers that have taken steps to become Breastfeeding Friendly.

Child care providers can play a critical role in supporting breastfeeding mothers and their babies. It’s important to recognize their successes and efforts to support breastfeeding in their child care programs.

MDH has information and applications posted at http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/oshii/bf/bf-childcare.html to help get child care providers on the path to recognition.

The Breastfeeding Friendly designation is valid for three years; child care programs need to reapply after their designation expires. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

For more information about the recognition program or application process, email health.bfcc@state.mn.us.

Mloog txog kev kawm ntawv ntxov thiab kev zov menyuam ntawm xovtooj cua Hmoob KPNP 1600 AM txhua hnub Tuesday thaum 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Listen to the Hmong Early Childhood Education Radio Program on KPNP 1600 AM Radio every Tuesday from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

All registrations are final.

To view the complete list of trainings, please log onto www.developtoolmn.org.
Resources and Activities for the Winter

Winter is on its way and children must feel cooped up inside the house. Below are some programs, services, and activities that you can do with your child over the long winter.

Going to community centers near you is a great way to stay connected and updated with your neighborhood. It is also a great way to take children to do activities together with others and make friends. Look at Saint Paul and Minneapolis Parks and Recreations for community centers that are in your area and the different activities that are being held at each site. There are different group activities for different age levels.

**Saint Paul residents can search the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation via the website below.**

https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation

**Minneapolis residents can search the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation via the website below.**

https://www.minneapolisparks.org/

Spending time at your local library is another fun trip you can make with your children during the winter. There are story time, fun literacy learning area, computer time, homework tutoring, and other services that your whole family can benefit from.

Saint Paul residents can search the Saint Paul Library website below for activities, dates, and times.

http://www.sppl.org/

Minneapolis residents can search the Hennepin County Library website below for activities, dates, and times.

http://www.hclib.org/

Keep your family healthy and active by playing sports at recreation centers like the YMCA. There are open gyms, swimming pools, yoga, dance classes, and many more for all ages. Saint Paul and Minneapolis residents can search the Twin Cities YMCA website below for their local branch.

https://www.ymcamn.org/
Important Dates & Observances

December 24 - Christmas Eve
December 25 - Christmas
(Think Small closed 12/26)
January 1 - New Year (Think Small closed 1/2)
January 16 - Martin Luther King Day (Think Small closed)
January 20 - Inauguration Day
February 14 - Valentine’s Day
February 20 - President’s Day
March 12 - Daylight Saving Time
March 17 - Saint Patrick’s Day

Looking for child care? We’re here to help.
Puas yog koj nhiaj neeg zov menyuam? Peb yuav pab tau koj.

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Hu nh yuap koj nhiaj neeg zov menyuam? Peb yuav pab tau koj.

1(888)291-9811
Call for free interpreting services in Hmong, Spanish, and Somali.