

# The Child And The Day Care Setting: Qualitative Variations And Development

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despite significant increases in a host of minor infectious diseases, it is apparent from this review that child care attendance poses no major risks to the health status of young children in the United States.

Existing scientific evidence and best professional practice from the fields of pediatrics and public health suggest a number of practices for safeguarding the health and safety of children in child care settings:

- limiting group size;
- separating groups of children according to age;
- strictly adhering to hand-washing practices particularly after diapering and before food preparation;
- regularly cleaning and disinfecting diaper changing surfaces and communal objects and toys;
- excluding children presenting with bloody stool and children younger than age 2 with fever, as well as other selected infectious diseases;
- Rifampin therapy following the identification of an index case of Hib meningitis; and
- immunoglobulin prophylaxis following identification of an index case of viral hepatitis.

There is little documentation of specific measures that can reduce injury, abuse, and neglect among children in child care. Some evidence in the research suggests, however, that instances of abuse and neglect can be diminished by strict supervision, enforcement, and prosecution of reported cases.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHILD CARE

The years when children may be participating in child care are years of rapid transition in several domains of development. At very young ages, children form their first attachment relationships with adults as well as their first friendships with peers. They extract the rules of language from the speech they hear, and they use increasingly complex speech. Children identify themselves as part of a cultural group and, surprisingly early, assess for themselves the way in which their group is seen. From their interactions with the physical and social world, young children are constantly developing their perceptual, reasoning, and problem-solving abilities.

What specific child care practices support these developmental processes? In this section, we examine the existing knowledge of child care features and practices that are related to social development (relationships with adults, relationships with peers, and positive group identity in a multicultural context) and cognitive development (language development and more broadly defined intellectual development).

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