

Program Standards

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Early Childhood Program Standards

- 1) Program planned using an approved program planning sheet.
- 2) Staff provides a welcoming atmosphere.
- 3) Program is planned, presented, and paced for young children.
- 4) Staff shares expectations for behavior.
- 5) Program includes an opening routine.
- 6) Program incorporates activities that support 5 of the 6 pre-literacy skills.
- 7) Program includes activities that teach at least one concrete concept.
- 8) Program has a culminating experience to tie the storytime together.
- 9) Program includes a closing routine.
- 10) Staff relates the program to JPL services and resources.
- 11) Staff thanks families for attending.
- 12) Staff invites families back to future programs.

School Age and Teen Program Standards:

- 1) Program planned using an approved program planning sheet.
- 2) Staff provides a welcoming atmosphere.
- 3) Program is planned, presented, and paced for youth.
- 4) Staff states expectations for behavior.
- 5) Staff relates the program to JPL services and resources.
- 6) Program supports active engagement
- 7) Youth have opportunities to make choices based on their interests.
- 8) Staff engages with youth in positive ways.
- 9) Staff positively guides youth behavior.
- 10) Youth have opportunities to reflect.
- 11) Staff thanks youth for attending.
- 12) Staff invites youth back to future programs.

Adult Program Standards:

- 1) Program planned using an approved program planning sheet.
- 2) Staff provides a welcoming atmosphere.
- 3) Program is planned, presented, and paced for adults.
- 4) Staff relates the program to JPL services and resources.
- 5) Staff engages with participants in positive ways.
- 6) Staff thanks participants for attending.
- 7) Staff invites participants back to future programs.