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Employees are expected to follow and implement Teaching Strategies Gold as a guide for lesson planning, that is age appropriate and stimulating. We implement Teaching Strategies Gold as our base curriculum, it is a research-based, comprehensive curriculum which addresses the unique strengths and challenges of early childhood learners. It allows educators to integrate learning into every moment of the day. Simultaneously, we're able to offer a flexible environment that affords children the opportunity to learn through play.

Goals:

Teaching Strategies Gold allows us to design a high-quality Kindergarten readiness program that is responsive to the needs of children enrolled in our program.

Experiences that achieve these goals:

Teaching Strategies Gold helps educators strengthen teaching skills, expand techniques to support a variety of learners, aids with setting up the learning environment and partnering with caregivers and the community. Also, TSG guides teachers through planning developmentally appropriate routines and activities for every day of the week, that support social-emotional development. In addition, TSG promote children's learning and development in all the core areas. Finally, we combine all these resources with hands on experiences, field trips and a literacy enriched environment to ensure that children have a well-rounded start.

Partnerships:

In efforts to maintain integrity of Teaching Strategies Gold foundational components, we strive to build partnerships with families that are based on trust and mutual respect. The staff at Urban Giving Tree work closely with families to ensure developmental goals are being successfully met for each individual child. Families are viewed as partners who have the freedom and right to assist and aid in the planning and implementation of lessons to help each child reach their fullest potential.

PA Early Learning Standards:

The PA Early Learning Standards were developed as a guidepost to help educators assure that students are getting a well round rounded early learning experience. Furthermore, these standards are alignment with the State of Pennsylvania's learning standards for students in grades K-12. We pair the standards with our curriculum as means of meeting the developmental needs of every child in efforts to prepare them for their next educational endeavors. At the same time, we acknowledge that play is the best method of learning. We fully embrace creativity and make space for fluid opportunities allowing children to explore our learning environment, learn and grow.