

# THE LEARNING TREE— INFANTS



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### CHILD CARE CENTERS

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Our infant program cares for children 6 weeks to 15 months of age. The rooms have loving teachers who each care for 4 babies in, what is called, a “primary care environment”. Primary care allows each teacher to give consistent, individual attention to each infant. Your primary caregiver will change your little one’s diaper, feed your child and get to know the best way for your infant to relax and sleep. Your baby will be loved and cuddled in a secure environment. You will get to meet your child’s primary caregiver shortly before you begin with the program.

Our program allows babies to move freely, permitting them to learn about the world around them at their own pace. We honor each infant’s unique capabilities and do not expect them to do what they are not yet ready to do.

Routines are an essential part of our curriculum and the days are filled with quality learning experiences. The caregivers are always talking to the infants and explaining to them what is going to happen next, be it a face cleaning, nose wiping or just some sweet talk. This practice eventually allows the child to anticipate what is going to happen which leads to the child’s trust in their caregiver and in the environment.

The Learning Tree recognizes how crucial the first years of life are in developing basic lifelong patterns of coping, living and learning. Research tells us that an important factor in a child’s development is a secure attachment with a warm, responsive and caring adult. The infant’s first attachment, of course, is to his/her parents; however, a primary caregiver must also form an attachment with the child. The relationships that are formed between infant and caregiver, while at The Learning Tree, will fill your infant with a sense of trust and security. A prerequisite to all learning is to trust that your needs will be met by a consistent caregiver who knows and understands you.

#### Program Highlights:

- Incorporation of Resources of Infant Educators, or the R.I.E. Philosophy, the foundation of which is respect
- Sign language
- Singing and reading to your infant on a daily basis
- Daily sheets that list activities and happenings throughout your child’s day
- Experienced, mature caregivers which are very nurturing
- Each infant has their own crib
- Age appropriate art activities
- All teachers are required to have current training in infant/child C.P.R. and first aid.

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