

ST. MARTIN'S MANOR EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

PROGRAM STATEMENT

St. Martin's Manor Early Learning Centre is a program of Catholic Family Services of Hamilton (CFS) and is therefore guided by the CFS Vision, Mission and Values.

Vision

People in our community are healthy, happy and safe.

Mission

Catholic Family Services, guided by Catholic values and principles, provides counselling, community connection and education programs so that the quality of life of all people in our diverse community may be improved and strengthened.

Values

C A R E S

Compassion

We treat one another with sensitivity, empathy and kindness and provide non-judgemental support without prejudice.

Accountability

We fulfill our commitments and take responsibility for our actions.

Respect

We treat one another with dignity, honesty, understanding, support, equality, inclusion and self-determination.

Excellence

We provide exemplary services through innovation, teamwork, best practice and quality improvement.

Service

Our service is timely, relevant and meaningful to the person served.

St. Martin's Manor Early Learning Centre uses a play-based learning model incorporating the principles of "How Does Learning Happen? – Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years" and focuses on its four foundations – Engagement, Expression, Belonging and Well-Being as the key components to support future success and to help children to successfully overcome barriers that may be present in their lives. Team members work in collaboration with parents, extended family supports and community partners to foster a view of children as competent, capable, curious and rich in potential.

Utilizing the St. Martin's Manor Children and Family Charter of Rights, St. Martin's Manor Early Learning Centre works directly with children and families to foster healthy attachment with caregivers, support children to engage in interactive play and establish a fun learning environment for the entire family by building connections and supporting inquiry and exploration.

The foundation for the program is built upon solid, supportive relationships with families regardless of their age, backgrounds or life experiences. Active involvement of children and their families in our programs supports the cultivation of authentic, caring relationships, nurtures children's healthy development, fosters strong communication and contributes toward the development of a high quality and inclusive environment where children thrive.