
UNIT: Child Care Careers**LESSON:** Types of Child Care

COMPETENCIES:

Evaluate the pros, cons and flexibility associated with various types of child care programs.

OVERVIEW/SUMMARY:

In today's society, more than half of the women with pre-school children work full-time. This requires that many types of child care programs are available to help care for these young children. Most all children will attend some type of child care. Child care is not a replacement for parenting. However, there are many skills required when working with children. Child care is not the same as baby-sitting. There are many components involved in providing child care. Child care involves teaching the child life skills such as decision making, socialization, and participation in learning centers. This class will teach you many of these skills.

MOTIVATOR:

CHILD CARE SCENARIOS: Have students read the child care scenarios and explain which type of child care they feel would be most beneficial to the children.

LESSON OPTIONS/SUPPLIES:**OPTION 1**

PURPOSE OF CHILD CARE: Review the information given in the teacher information "Purpose of Child Care". Have the class members brainstorm general goals that a child care program might establish. Share the written goals of the child care program at your school with the students.

OPTION 2

TYPES OF CHILD CARE: Have students read about each type of child care and complete the chart. You may wish to use the key as a transparency to lead a class discussion. Uncover the information you are discussing while leaving the rest of the page covered so the students cannot see it. Another way to complete the chart is to divide the class into small groups and have each group complete an assigned section of the chart, then share the information with the class.

OPTION 3

EVALUATION: Have the students participate in evaluations of various activities completed in the classroom, using the form, "Getting Acquainted with a Child Care Center".