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EarlyON Child and Family Centres (CFCs) are expected to provide programs that reflect the view of children, parents, caregivers and educators as competent, capable, curious and rich in potential and experience. Centres must be guided by *How Does Learning Happen? Document (HDLN)* while maintaining a safe play environment.

This policy identifies standards and safety considerations regarding what activities are appropriate to occur within EarlyON CFCs, within the physical centre and while running programs in alternative locations.

Procedure

The four foundations of learning (belonging, engagement, expression, and well-being) are the focus throughout all aspects of programs to ensure optimal learning and healthy development. EarlyON Educators will engage in pedagogical documentation throughout programs.

Risk Taking: Children are competent, capable and curious. Children should be given opportunities for trial and error and to take risks. Physical risk taking should be balanced with planned harm reduction by providing and supervising appropriate risks, allowing for children to attempt skills without assistance, and using one's best judgement to intervene where applicable.

Water Play: All standing water within the EarlyON CFC will be restricted to containers where their size does not allow a child to lie down in and requires direct supervision of a parent/caregiver within arm's reach. Parents/Caregivers

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must be in arm's reach at programs where bodies of water are present.

Alternative Locations: Programs may be run in locations other than the designated EarlyON CFC. The same safety considerations that are used within an EarlyON CFC should be in place at these alternative locations. Emergency phones and first aid kits must be available at all locations programs are offered.

Guests: Guest speakers or presenters may be invited into EarlyON CFCs to provide educational information or facilitate a program. All guests must possess the appropriate credentials to speak or present on that topic and must adhere to the Commercial Business Events and Product Promotion Policy. If a guest is charging a fee to present/facilitate a program, they are required to provide Proof of Commercial Liability Insurance.

References and Related Document: [How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years](#)