



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM QUALITY MARKERS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

- Staff and volunteers use positive behavior management techniques
- Youth participants are supervised at all times
- Program schedule is always posted and followed
- Healthy food and drinks are provided

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- Staff provides clear and specific directions
- Staff provide a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere
- Staff support children in building new skills
- Staff adequately prepare for each session
- Staff engage participants in active learning
- Staff verbally recognize children's efforts/accomplishments
- Transitions from program to program are smooth with little down time
- Activities are consistently adaptable for students with special needs

INTERACTION

- Staff assist youth without taking control
- Staff balance individual and group learning
- Staff provide collaborative learning experiences
- Staff and volunteers encourage inclusion and the participation of all
- Youth are friendly, respectful and relaxed with one another
- Staff encourage children to manage feelings and resolve conflicts appropriately

ENGAGEMENT

- Children have opportunities to make meaningful choices based on their interests
- Youth have opportunities to plan, set goals, or exercise leadership
- Children are encouraged to take on responsibilities
- Staff use a variety of strategies to encourage youth to share and reflect on their experiences