

**10A NCAC 09 .2904      PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

(a) Children shall participate in daily activities outlined in a plan of care such as an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), Individualized Education Program (IEP), Person Centered Plan (PCP), or for children who are typically developing, an activity plan developed by the center. Activities shall allow children to participate in whole group, as part of a group, or independently.

(b) In addition to the restrictions specified in 10A NCAC 09 .0713 regarding ages and grouping of children, preschool children aged three and older shall not be grouped with school aged children except for special events or activities such as birthday, holiday, or cultural celebrations and special presentations such as puppet or magic shows, a special story teller, or a discussion of safety practices by a fireman or nurse. Children aged birth to five years may be cared for in groups with older children for the first and last operating hour of the day provided the staff/child ratio for the youngest child in the group is maintained.

(c) In addition to operational policies required by 10A NCAC 09 .0514(a), Developmental Day Center policies shall also include a description of the ways that children with special needs have opportunities for inclusion with children who are typically developing.

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