**EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITY AREAS FOR CHILDCARE PROGRAMS**

**EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITY AREAS AND SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 MONTHS***

(MUST HAVE AT LEAST 4 AREAS WITH AT LEAST 4 TYPES OF AGE AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT IN EACH AREA)

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**BUILDING**

- Soft lightweight blocks
- Toy cars, trains and/or boats
- Figures of animals and people
- Stacking rings and/or cups
- Nesting toys

**ART**

- Clay or play dough
- Non-toxic finger paint and coated paper
- Non-toxic felt-tip markers
- Crayons
- Tempera paint, large brushes
- Easels, newsprint
- Collage materials
- Construction paper
- Tissue paper
- Popsicle sticks
- Yarn and string
- Paste or glue
- Blunt scissors
- Smocks

**MUSIC/MOVEMENT**

- Tape player and recorder
- Books to encourage creative music and movement (picture books, fiction, nonfiction, poetry, multicultural books, etc.)
- Open area for movement
- Flannel board, flannel board stories, and flannel board cutouts
- Puppets or stuffed animals
- CD or MP3 player, headphones
- Instruments (drums, triangles, tambourines, bells, sand blocks, rhythm sticks, etc.)
- Scarses and streamers

**LITERACY/BOOKS/LIBRARY**

- Books
- Upper and lower case letters
- Flannel board
- Pictures for discussion
- Materials for classification
- Puppets and puppet theater
- CD/tape recorder and headphones
- Read-along story tapes/CDs
- Show and tell items
- Telephones
- Walkie-talkies
- Rugs and cushions

**SCIENCE/DISCOVERY**

- Plants and gardening equipment
- Aquarium with fish
- Other appropriate live animals
- Water table
- Sand or rice table
- Buckets, cups, pitchers, bottles
- Scoops, rakes, shovels, funnels
- Weather chart and thermometer
- Rocks and minerals
- Dinosaurs
- Kaleidoscopes
- Leaves, twigs, pine cones
- Scales
- Gears and pulleys
- Magnets
- Magnifying glass
- Shells, fossils
- Counting equipment

**MATH**

- Blocks of different shapes
- Large Dice
- Calendars
- Measuring cups
- Clocks, timers
- Thermometer
- Rulers and tape measures
- Numerals
- Play money
- Blocks of different shapes, colors, textures, and sizes

*Center staff shall ensure that supplies provided: do not pose a choking hazard; do not have sharp edges; are maintained in good condition; and are used in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.

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