

# Definitions for Developmentally Appropriate Practice

**Developmentally  
Appropriate Principles  
and Practices**

**Reciprocal**

**ADA**

**Inclusion**

**Diversity**

**Constructing knowledge**

**Learning**

**Decision-making**

**Program sponsorship**

**Center-based**

**Family Childcare**

**Corporate childcare**

**Public programs**

**Head Start**

**Church-based**

**Profit**

**Non-profit**

**NAEYC, CAEYC**

**Principles**

**Practices**

**Empirical**

**Theories**

**Continuity**

**High Quality  
Programs**

**NAEYC'S  
Commitment to  
Children**

**Necessary abilities**

**Dynamic**

**Interrelated**

**Integrated**

**Domains of  
Development**

**Stages**

**Variation**

Language Acquisition

Policies

Facilitate

Teach

Discipline

Guidance

Foster

Adapt

Temperament

Styles

Abilities

Context

Psychological security

Play

Mastery

Optimal Periods

Socio-cultural contexts

Experience

Policies

Enhance

Initiating

Regulating

Child-initiated

Teacher-directed