Curriculum: Decision-Making

The curriculum you use in your family child care program helps you meet learning goals and provides guidance in developing activities and experiences. Take some time to reflect on the checklist below adapted from the presentation, “Curriculum Decision-Making: Dimensions to Consider” at http://nieer.org/video-webinar/curriculum-decision-making-dimensions-consider.

Checklist for Family Child Care Curriculum:

- Does the curriculum clearly define the roles of the provider and the child in the learning process?
- Are all domains of learning addressed (social-emotional, physical, language, etc.)?
- Will this curriculum meet required early-learning standards?
- Does the curriculum provide ideas for adapting activities to meet the individual needs of children (various ages, learning styles, abilities, etc.)?
- Is there an assessment system that aligns with your teaching philosophy?
- Does research support the effectiveness of the curriculum?
- Is the curriculum appropriate for all children?
- Are specific materials needed to implement the curriculum?
- Does the curriculum encourage family involvement?
- Does the curriculum provide guidance for transitioning?