

## **Little Bears Value Statement**

“Inspiring Your Child’s Own Sense of Adventure”

### **Our Program and Philosophy**

The Little Bears Child Care Program is inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy of education that originated in Northern Italy. The Little Bears Child Care Program does not intend to duplicate this philosophy because the children, families and teachers offer a different culture, location, and perspective.

The Reggio Emilia philosophy is an approach to teaching, learning and advocacy for children. In its most basic form, it is a way of observing what children know, are curious about and what challenges them. Educators record these observations to reflect on developmentally appropriate ways to help children expand knowledge and developmental potentials. Long term projects connect core activities areas in and out of the classroom.

#### ***Children who attend Little Bears Child Care Program:***

Are valued and respected as the unique individual that they are.

Have the freedom to explore their environment and learn through play.

Have access to a safe environment that nurtures creativity, curiosity, and free expression.

Feel secure within a flexible but familiar routine with realistic limits.

Have the opportunity to involve their family and share experiences.

Will be recognized as an individual within a family unit and to have that family unit acknowledged as the primary influence on their development

Can share their happy, sad, and proud experiences with people who will recognize and respond to their feelings

Will explore the community through field trips and walks and inviting community participation at the Little Bears Child Care Program

At the Little Bears Child Care Program, we believe all children and families must feel included; we adapt and modify our environment to meet each child and family’s individual needs.

Above all..... have FUN!