

HOW TO SUPPORT LEARNING IN HOME ENVIRONMENTS

Emotional and physical environments matter because they affect how we feel, how we relate to others, and our ability to focus on tasks. High-quality environments are free from hazards and dangers, and they support children to feel empowered, respected, and ready to learn.

To support your kids' learning and growth,
make sure the environments in your home are:



PREDICTABLE

When an environment is predictable, there is a pattern or routine to the way things are done, and your kids know what to anticipate day to day. Predictable environments are those in which kids can relax, freely explore, participate, and think clearly.



ACCESSIBLE

Accessible environments are designed with the learner in mind, conveying the message, "This space is for you — you can be successful here!" Here, kids can explore and move about with confidence and independence, knowing that adults are also available to help when they need it.

SAFE

A safe environment tells our brains it's ok to learn. They are a pivotal part of learning, conveying the message, "It's safe for your brain to investigate and explore!"

RESPECTFUL

When kids are in a respectful environment, they feel safe to express their feelings and thoughts. This leads to more engagement and overall joy. Respectful environments convey the message, "You are valued!"