Support children’s identity growth
—It’s the core of their strength

Adults support children’s social and emotional skill development.
Many ways of knowing, being and doing

- Individuals are unique.
- Identity is knowing where you come from and where you belong.
- Identity continues to grow with knowledge and experience.
- Strong identity gives confidence. Confident children like learning.

Many ways of doing

- Focus on increasing individual's emotional competence.
- Trust children's knowledge, ideas, interests and skills.
- Listen, show interest and respond to children—Value their way.
- Give children time in play to make choices and work out problems.

Connecting to Community

- Family, extended family and their mob belong in the service.
- Children learn calmness, trust and culture from adults around them.
- Support through predictability at home and in the early childhood service.
- Adults connect with children showing they care about them, like them and help them.

Learning map

- Plan for every child to have time for good feelings about themselves.
- Give children access to experiences that are important to them.
- Culture and language are included in all aspects of planning.
- Model planning to children.