

Worksheet

Early Childhood Counts

2-9—Pre-school Aged Children

PRESCHOOL AGED CHILDREN NEED:

- _____ Protection from physical danger
- _____ Adequate nutrition and health care
- _____ An adult with whom to form an attachment
- _____ An adult who can understand and respond to their signals
- _____ Things to look at, touch, hear, smell, taste
- _____ Opportunities to explore the world
- _____ Appropriate language stimulation
- _____ Support in acquiring new motor skills, language and thinking skills
- _____ A chance to develop some independence
- _____ Help in learning how to control their own behavior
- _____ Opportunities to begin to learn to care for themselves
- _____ Daily opportunities to play with a variety of objects
- _____ Opportunities to develop fine motor skills
- _____ Encouragement of language through talking, reading, singing
- _____ Activities which will develop a positive sense of mastery
- _____ Opportunities to learn cooperation, helping, sharing
- _____ Experimentation with pre-writing and pre-reading skills
- _____ Hands-on exploration for learning through action
- _____ Opportunities for taking responsibility and making choices
- _____ Encouragement to develop self-control, cooperation, persistence in completing projects
- _____ Support for their sense of self-worth and pride in accomplishments
- _____ Opportunities for self-expression
- _____ Encouragement of creativity

⇒ Put a ✓ by those needs that are currently being met in the community.

⇒ Put an ✗ by those needs that are not being met adequately.