

LGBTQ+ RESOURCES FOR  
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

DISCUSSING  
ANTI-BIAS  
CURRICULUM  
FOR EARLY  
CHILDHOOD



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# WHAT IS AN ANTI-BIAS CURRICULUM?

Emphasizes how educators can use self-reflection to study their own attitudes & biases.

LEARNING  
HOW TO  
RESPOND TO  
BIASES IN THE  
CLASSROOM.

Goal is to create early learning environments that invite conversations, challenge biases & celebrate differences.

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# IDENTITY

## The Goal

*Each child will demonstrate self-awareness, confidence, family pride, and positive social identities.*

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## What it might look like:

- Learning accurate, respectful language to describe who they & others are.
- Supporting children to develop & be comfortable within their home culture & within the school culture.

# DIVERSITY

## The Goal

*Each child will express comfort and joy with human diversity, accurate language for human differences, and deep, caring human connections.*

## What it might look like:

*Guiding children to think about & have words for how people are the same & how they are different.*

*(Ex: biological attributes, needs, & rights)*

# JUSTICE

## The Goal

*Each child will increasingly recognize unfairness, have language to describe unfairness, and understand that unfairness hurts.*

## What it might look like:

*Creating opportunities to practice skills for: identifying unfair stereotypes, teasing, name-calling, & discrimination, directed at themselves or at others.*

# ACTIVISM

## The Goal

*Each child will demonstrate empowerment and the skills to act, with others or alone, against prejudice and/or discriminatory actions.*

## What it might look like:

**Giving children tools for learning how to stand up to hurtful and unfair biased behavior based on any aspect of social identity.**

# RESOURCES

**ELIAS & BLENDER (2021)**

[https://48hills.org/2021/07/how-pre-schoolers-can-learn-about-societys-biases-and-respond/?fbclid=IwAR3UZiuJF24W8s76Ap9k16Fj\\_7AI0e6V\\_4FCFxdoIqYDTMsDVGBl0rjkEk](https://48hills.org/2021/07/how-pre-schoolers-can-learn-about-societys-biases-and-respond/?fbclid=IwAR3UZiuJF24W8s76Ap9k16Fj_7AI0e6V_4FCFxdoIqYDTMsDVGBl0rjkEk)

**SPARKS, EDWARDS, & GOINS (2020)**

<https://www.powells.com/book/anti-bias-education-for-young-children-and-ourselves-9781938113574>

**SPARKS & EDWARDS (2019)**

<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/yc/nov2019/understanding-anti-bias>

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