

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION

Introduction

- ❖ Early childhood refers to the formative stage of first six years of life.
- ❖ This is the most crucial period as maximum brain development occurs in first three years of life and early years are foundation for all domains of development-physical, motor, social, emotional, cognitive, language.
- ❖ ECCE establishes the foundation for all skills, abilities and behavior.
- ❖ ECCE encompasses elements of care, health, nutrition, play and early learning with a protective and enabling environment.
- ❖ ECCE is a balanced play based programme of language, cognitive, creative & psychomotor activities.



Activities on ECCE Day

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- ❖ Display of work of all the children from the daily activities of the curriculum (Art and craft work, models, worksheets etc.).
- ❖ Explaining the rationale for conducting the activities.
- ❖ Parent –AWW interaction and sharing of child assessment and taking feedback.
- ❖ Display of Advocacy Material on ECCE (Charts/Audio- Visual).
- ❖ Talks for the parents on topics listed in the “Issues to be discussed with Parents”.
- ❖ Involve Community for awards and incentives to children/AWW/AWH.
- ❖ Create a corner where parents can donate toys, games, books, puppets and other play and learning material.
- ❖ Collation of local cultural stories, rhymes, songs, games, for activity bank.



Celebration of ECCE Day

- ❖ Fixed monthly ECCE day is to be organized once every month at the AWC.
- ❖ It is a platform for interface between the AWW and the parents/community.
- ❖ All children attending the AWC and all other children (0-6 years) in the community & their parents would participate on ECCE day.

Issues to be discussed with Parents on ECCE day

- ✓ Importance of early childhood
- ✓ Significance of non-formal pre-school education and ECCE
- ✓ Growth & Development milestones during early years
- ✓ Early stimulation
- ✓ Care giving at home
- ✓ Importance of play
- ✓ Good habit formation
- ✓ Role of community & parents in ECCE
- ✓ Preparing children for school
- ✓ Involvement of Mother's Group and Parents Group in teaching songs, nursery rhymes, stories, organizing group games, cooking food, distribution of the food etc. in the Anganwadi
- ✓ Discuss Mother & Child Protection Card



Role of AWW in Organization of ECCE Day

- ❖ Arrange venue for ECCE day.
- ❖ Provide advance information to the locality about venue and timings of ECCE Day.
- ❖ Make a list of all children below 6 years of age, preferably also record the number of children receiving pre-school education from other sources in the community.
- ❖ Provide supplementary nutrition to the children.
- ❖ Prepare a list of activities identified for Fixed Monthly ECCE Day.
- ❖ Decide and organize thematic events for children and conduct activities.
- ❖ Form positive rapport with parents/caregivers/guardian and to convince them.
- ❖ Coordinate with CDPO & Supervisor.
- ❖ Demonstrate through role model (a child of that AWC) to motivate parents.
- ❖ Use Mother and Child Protection Card, IPC Tool Kit and other relevant tools.
- ❖ Maintain record.