

Mission Statement

Valley Interfaith Child Care Center (VICCC) believes any society that values its own future must care for its youngest and most vulnerable members.

Because children's mental, social, and emotional development begins at birth, VICCC strives to make the earliest and most formative experiences of children's lives positive and rewarding.

VICCC's goal is to create a network of high-quality, affordable, educational, and nurturing care centers for the youngest children ages (0-5) of income-eligible working families in the New River Valley.

In cooperation with local governments, local social service agencies, civic groups, private individuals, and with the special support of New River Valley faith communities.

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* Children ages Birth to 4 years old



*Valley Interfaith
Child Care Center*



*Our Vision:
Safety, Loving and
Learning of the very
young child*

Safety, Loving, and Learning

Safety

At VICCC safety is a huge component of our care. We strive to make sure while children are with us during the day that not only do they feel safe, but parents and family members can go to work and be comforted in knowing their child will be secure and well taken care of. We set our standards higher than the minimum requirements from the state, in order to keep our children protected and to give the parents and family members peace of mind. The children learn they can go to the teachers when they are scared or need someone to comfort them, knowing they will be in safe and secure hands.

Loving

Love is a fundamental component of a day at VICCC. The love that we give to your children each day is our privilege. When spending time with the children, we are able to hug them when they are sad, rock them when they are tired, hold them when they miss their loved ones, and to be there to listen. It is the best aspect of our work. The children have come to learn that the teachers and staff that work at VICCC genuinely care about them and their families and will love them no matter what. Not only do we show love to your children, but we teach the children to show love to one another. Unconditional love, the love that will not change and is not based on performance, is what we strive to show and demonstrate to our children and families each and every day.



Learning

At VICCC our desire is to teach the children about themselves and the world around them. In our classrooms we have implemented the High Scope Curriculum which focuses on teacher *and* child initiated experiences in areas of social emotional, physical and cognitive development. The children are given opportunities to use all their senses to expand the learning centers in their brains. Lesson plans include a variety of materials and textures. We talk to our children about feelings, how to name them and how to appropriately express emotions. We learn how to sit in a group, follow simple directions and use words for wants and needs. Our children spend time outside each day where they learn about other living things and some of what goes on in the outside world.