



## **Childtime Educational Offering**

Childtime's *The Empowered Child*<sup>™</sup> curriculum, designed by early--education specialists, was inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach to early learning and is based on the work of respected child development/early education theorists Jean Piaget, Erik Erikson and Lev Vygotsky. It follows the guidelines for developmentally appropriate practice set forth by national accrediting associations and empowers children to find the ways to learn that are right for them.

*The Empowered Child* curriculum provides three components of quality early childhood education – developmentally appropriate activities, a wondrous classroom environment, and quality teacher-child interactions.

### **The Activities**

In the Childtime classroom, we give children the time, materials and guidance to understand their world and to communicate in ways that are meaningful to them. We recognize that children are naturally curious and learn critical science, math, reading and writing concepts through hands-on, sensory-oriented activities. We support each child's active exploration and investigation.

### **The Classroom Environment**

Research has shown that children make deeper connections in comfortable, calming, home-like learning environments, surrounded by the beauty of the natural world. So we have designed our classrooms in a way that helps children feel safe, therefore allowing them to focus and learn.

### **Teacher-Child Interactions**

Our skilled teachers encourage children to express their ideas and feelings in the ways that they are most comfortable, freeing them from the fears of mistakes and deepening their knowledge of the world around them. Through Childtime's *The Empowered Child* curriculum, children feel valued for who they are. We help each one find his or her own special talents and expand beyond them.

We introduce new concepts in ways that help children internalize knowledge, not just memorize it. Our curriculum helps children develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills they'll need to succeed in kindergarten, school and life.

For more information on Childtime, please visit [www.childtime.com](http://www.childtime.com).

### **About Learning Care Group, Inc.**

Headquartered in Novi, Mich., Learning Care Group, Inc. provides early education and care services to children between the ages of six weeks and 13 years under its umbrella of brands: The Children's Courtyard, Childtime Learning Centers, La Petite Academy, Montessori Unlimited and Tutor Time Child Care / Learning Centers.

Among these five brands, Learning Care Group has more than 900 schools (corporate and franchise) with a system-wide capacity to serve more than 100,000 children in the U.S. and internationally. Today, the company is the second largest for-profit child care provider in North America.

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