

Suggested Equipment for LifeWays Child Care

Regular Furniture (like in a home)

Rocking Chair	Tables (coffee, end tables, etc.)
Chests of Drawers for children's spare clothes	Lamps
Rugs or carpets for some areas	Shelves
Framed fine art prints and/or simple sculptures	Couch
Dining table and chairs or benches [comfortable for adults as well as children]	
House plants	

Children's Furniture

Children's play kitchen	Play frames
Play Climbing Stairs/Rocking Boat	Children's play table and chairs
Protected area for Infant	Wood Work Bench
Containers for water play or allowed to play in sink or tub	

Sleep Related

One crib for every child under one	Natural fiber bedding (sheets, blankets)
Cribs or porta-cribs for children one to two	Lambskins for under bedding
Cots for children over two	Fabric for the canopies
Cot Dividers for making canopies (simple play frame) (Some centers opt not to have the canopies)	
Baby monitor	

Dining Related

Highchairs (prefer wooden) for children 6-18 months (must have strap)	Dishes
Booster Seats (optional)	Napkins
Washing cloths for faces and hands	Bibs
Table cloths and/or placemats	Candles
Kitchen Stove	Candle Holder, Snuffer
Dishwasher	Cooking Utensils
Refrigerator	Pots & Pans
Mixing bowls/cake pan	Labels for foods
Refrigerator thermometer for licensing	Food storage containers
Posting place for menus	Crumb catchers
Table settings – plates, cups, utensils, etc.	

Play Equipment

Variety of toys (not too many and specific ones for age appropriateness)	Pull toys
Wooden Figures	A few age appropriate games
Silk cloths/cotton cloths for play and decorating	Dolls
Large wooden trucks	A few simple baby rattles
Play clips or bean bags to hold cloths on play frames	Play Frames
Musical Instruments	Art Supplies
Hollow Blocks	Lambskins
Things for toddlers to stack and to fill & dump	Dress-up clothes
Cotton cloths (like handkerchiefs) for infants to play with	Books – just a few special ones
Cardboard boxes of varying sizes to play with	

Outside

Gardening supplies – rakes, shovels, spades, hoes, etc. (adult- and child-sized)	
Swings – that children can get in and out of themselves	Small tricycles
Enough strollers for taking infants on walks	Larger tricycles
Buggies/prams for outside - large enough for a child to sleep in	Outside Wagons
Mound for climbing – dirt hill or rock hill	Wheelbarrow
Trees and bushes for climbing and hiding	Hammock
Fort-building materials	Picnic tables
Sandbox and buckets and shovels, etc.	Outdoor adult chairs
Water pump	Fence

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Housekeeping

Adult Ironing Board/Iron
Washtub & wash board
Brooms and mops (adult and child sized)
Microfiber cloths for spills and big messes
Tubs for washing boots and shoes and then polishing them
Natural dishwashing soap – not antibacterial

Washing Machine
Dryer
Buckets
Cloths for wet dusting
Toilet bowl brush
Clothes line and clothespins

Nurturing Care

Healing basket with ointments, band aids, treasures, etc.
Wash basin for foot baths
Hair brushes
towels
Toothbrushes

Cotton, wool or silk baby caps
Diapering pads for each child
Individual washcloths and

Acceptable oils and ointments

Spare natural fiber undershirts and long-sleeve shirts

Other spare outdoor clothes (hats, mittens, rain boots, etc.)

Places of beauty, creating a place for the eye to rest and be nurtured, corner by corner until the whole room speaks comfort and peace, order and form, practical intention *and home sweet home.*