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Saint Paul United Methodist Church Children's Learning Center program's primary responsibility is to provide a safe, nurturing, Christ-centered environment where young children can grow spiritually, socially, emotionally, and academically. The CLC's five primary responsibilities are: Protect • Educate • Nurture • Develop • Connect by...

1. Provide a Safe, Nurturing Learning Environment

- Maintain a clean, secure, and welcoming environment for children
- Follow church, state, and childcare safety requirements
- Establish appropriate policies for child protection, supervision, emergencies, and health

2. Provide Quality Early Childhood Education

- Offer age-appropriate educational activities that promote intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development
- Use developmentally appropriate curriculum and teaching practices
- Prepare children for their next stage of education

3. Integrate Christian Faith and Values

- Teach children age-appropriate biblical principles such as love, kindness, forgiveness, compassion, honesty, and respect
- Incorporate prayer, Bible stories, music, and Christian traditions appropriately
- Demonstrate Christ's love through the way children and families are treated

4. Hire, Support, and Develop Qualified Staff

- Recruit and retain qualified, caring teachers and staff
- Provide appropriate background checks, training, supervision, and professional development
- Ensure staff understand both educational responsibilities and the church's mission and child-protection policies

5. Partner With Families and the Church

- Maintain open, respectful communication with parents and guardians
- Keep families informed about their child's development, activities, and needs
- Connect the Children's Learning Center with the broader ministry of the church while respecting families of all backgrounds
- Encourage opportunities for preschool families to become connected with the church community