Play is the medium through which we:
- build community
- practice good citizenship
- expand our physical well-being

We grow from being egocentric, to being a community
Underlying Assumption #1

We are all motivated to play
Underlying Assumption #2

Play behaviors are age related, not age determined.
Underlying Assumption #3

Play experiences have consequences.
Underlying Assumption #4
Play experiences are additive.

Underlying Assumption #5

What is Pure Play?

- Choice
- High Focus
- Determination
- Satisfaction

Social Contracts

- To achieve Pure Play children make an emotional investment
- Adults need to recognize and respect that investment

Phases of Child Play Behavior

- Basic
- Transitional
- Complex
- Interdependent
- Observable Play Behavior and their Progression
- Play Type
- Preferred Domain for Collecting Information
- Acting Out Behavior
- Life Skill Development

Looping Observable Play Behavior

Autonomous Play Type
Physical-Sensory
Preferred Domain for Collecting Information
Use their body
Acting Out Behavior

Learn your system for mastering motor skills and sensory integration.
Life Skill Development

Phases of Child Play Behavior
TRANSITIONAL

Branching
Observable Play Behavior
Parallel
Play Type
Cognitive
Preferred Domain for Collecting Information

Use Toys as Weapons
Acting Out Behavior

Learn your system for problem solving.
Life Skill Development

Phases of Child Play Behavior

Planning
Observable Play Behavior

Rule Making
Play Type
Ethical Preferred Domain for Collecting Information

Bossing Acting Out Behavior

Learn to be a student of human nature. Life Skill Development

Phases of Child Play Behavior

Companioning Observant Play Behavior

Groups Play Type
Why Should I Care?

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Social
Preferred Domain for Collecting Information

Singling Out
Acting Out Behavior

Learn to be an effective communicator.
Life Skill Development

A Window on Play Behaviors
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