

# Learning Paths ACADEMY

## HIGHLIGHTS OF BABY STEPS

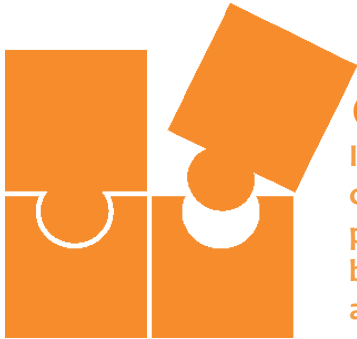


### **Emotional Needs**

Meeting the emotional needs of babies is key for human development. We practice responsive and sensitive caretaking through primary care groups. An infant that feels safe and loved will thrive in numerous ways, setting them up for lifelong happiness and success.

### **Physical Needs**

A baby's physical needs are both instinctive and critical to their overall well-being. We stay in-tune to their individual needs to ensure that they remain happy and healthy. We prioritize engagement in planned activities that develop a strong foundation for both fine and gross motor development, such as interactive tummy time, baby yoga, nursery rhymes and sing-alongs.



### **Cognitive Needs**

Infancy is a critical developmental period where important brain connections are being forged. This is achieved by exploring interesting pictures, patterns, and sounds. Our teachers also read a wide variety of books and use both spoken and sign language to reinforce learning. Infants also experience sensory stimulation through the use of age-appropriate manipulatives. Learning and growth is greatly enhanced through this multi-media approach.

### **Social Needs**

Babies need social lives too! So much of human development is rooted in the connections we have with others. Infants are making important connections constantly when they experience a secure attachment with a loving, trusted adult. In every interaction, they are developing skills in problem-solving and communication as they interact with the world around them.



### **S.T.E.A.M. in Baby Steps**

Science, technology, engineering, art, and math may not seem typical for an infant classroom, but we believe that connections to these concepts are everywhere. Babies make new discoveries every day; from exploring different materials with their hands, to free play with paint, to stacking blocks, they learn while having fun. As they begin to understand cause and effect, we nurture the little engineer in each child!