

Do Bugs Need Drugs?[®] Daycare Program



Part One: Information for the
Early Childhood Educator



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Introduction

Welcome to the Do Bugs Need Drugs?[®] daycare program.

The children's activities described below focus on three key concepts:

- **HANDWASHING IS IMPORTANT**
Handwashing is the best way to stop the spread of infections.
- **NOT ALL BUGS ARE CREATED EQUAL**
Bacteria and viruses are different. Antibiotics don't work for viruses.
- **USE ANTIBIOTICS WISELY**
Taking antibiotics when they are not needed leads to antibiotic resistance, a serious health risk that can affect anyone.

The activities are designed for pre-school age children and encourage learning by exploration and participation.

ENJOY!!



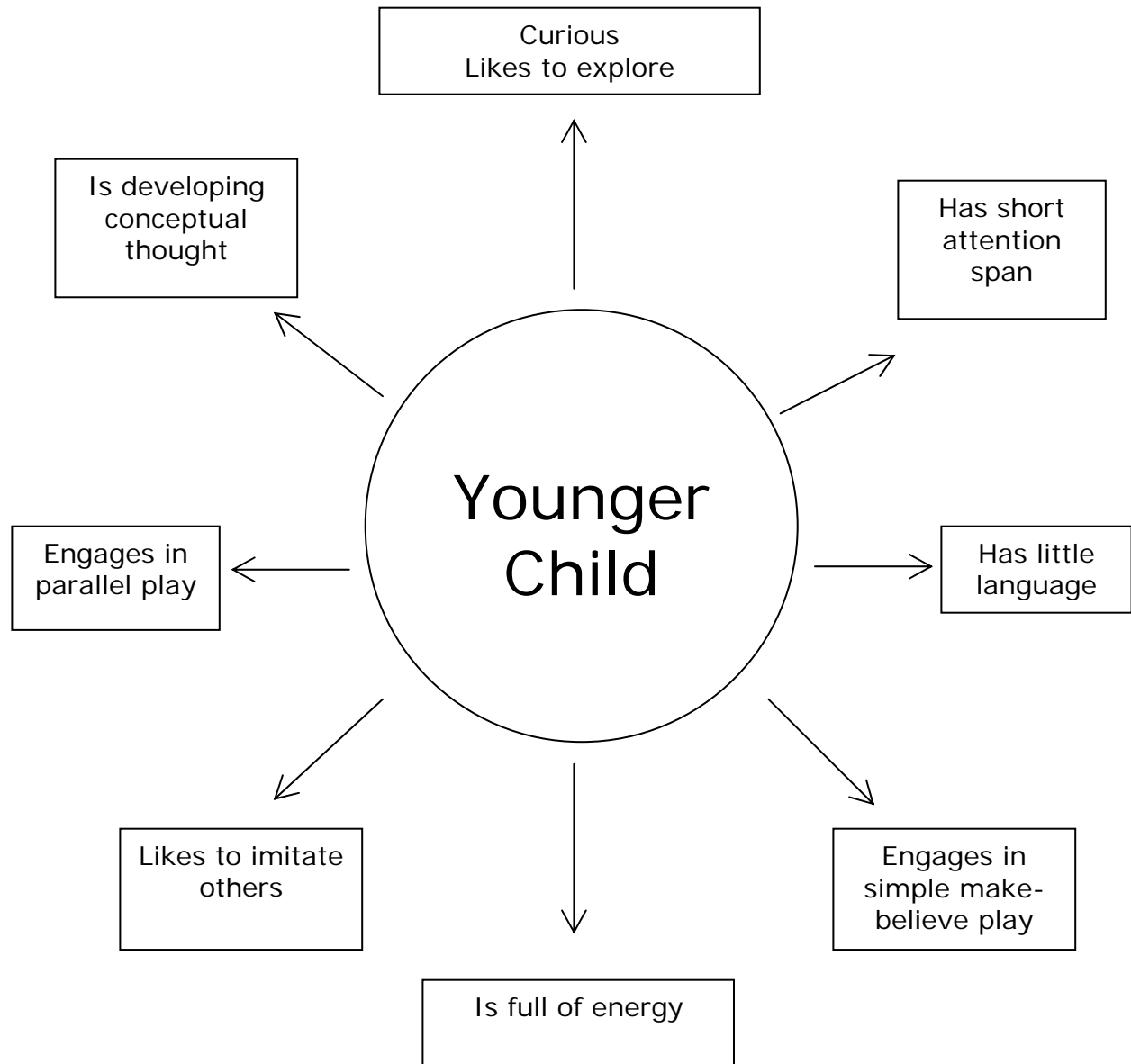
Some Thoughts for the Early Childhood Educator

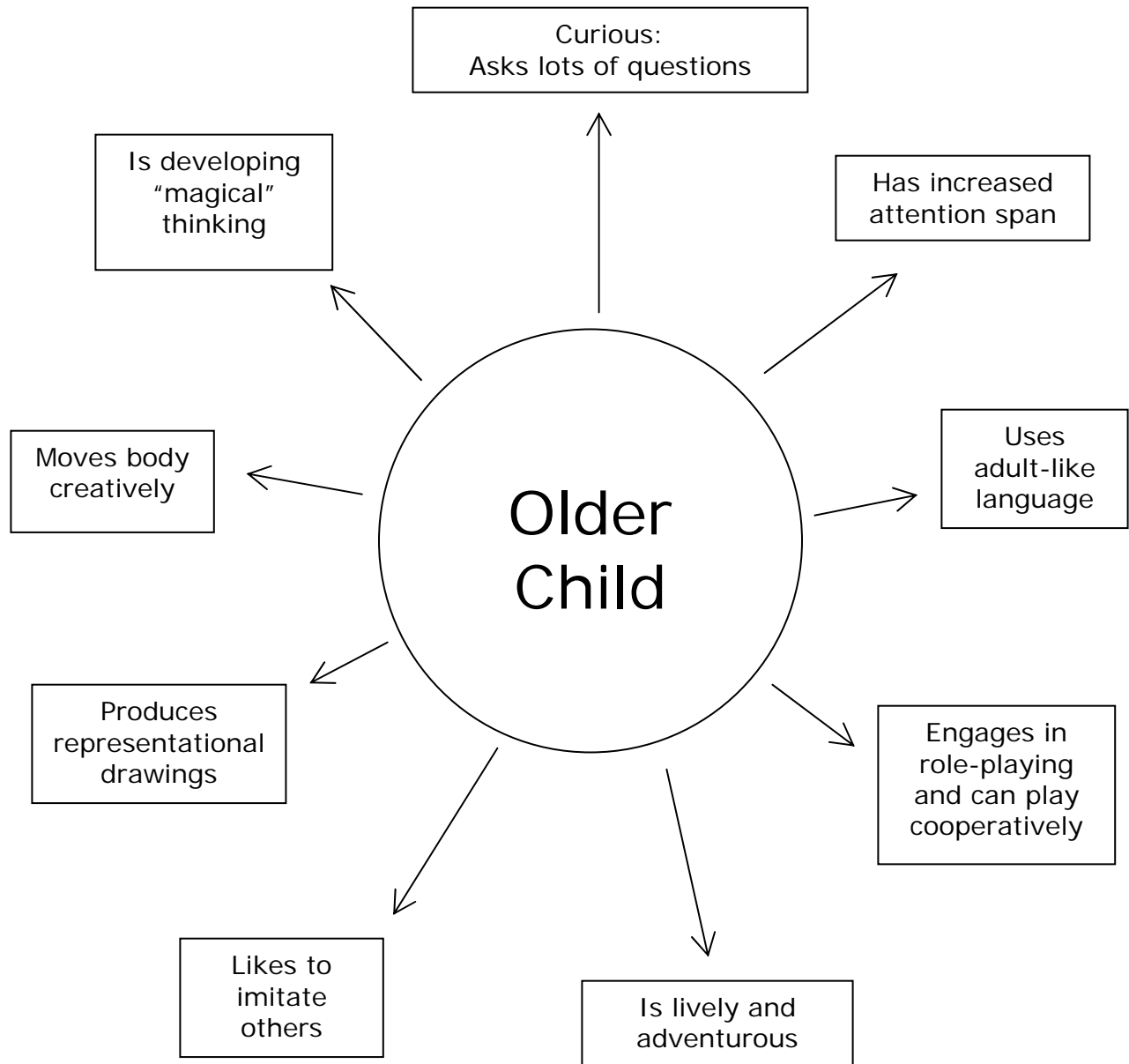
As the Early Childhood Educator, you will provide the children in your care with these play experiences.

Please keep in mind that:

1. These are familiar activities with a focus specifically on the Do Bugs Need Drugs?[®] objectives.
2. Your role as a play facilitator is crucial. Your playful presence and your thoughtful comments/questions will ensure that the learning objectives are met.
3. Children learn best through playful repetition. It is recommended that the activities are carried out over a time period of two to three days. It is also recommended to repeat some or all of the activities at a later time. The appropriate handwashing practice needs to be continually reinforced.
4. These experiences are meant to be a creative resource for you. Feel free to adapt the activities to the particular interests and capabilities of the children in your group.

The following diagrams will remind you of young children's key developmental characteristics:







MAIN CONCEPTS:

- HANDWASHING IS IMPORTANT
- NOT ALL BUGS ARE CREATED EQUAL
- USE ANTIBIOTICS WISELY

STORYTIME:
Bugaloo comes to visit
Two to Three Years of Age

Bugaloo
Scripted
Dialogue

Book:
Wash Your Hands

Song:
Twinkle, Twinkle

Poem:
Germs are
Everywhere

PLAYROOM FUN:
Activities for children
Two to Three Years of Age

Match-the-
Bug

Wash the
Germs
Away

Sticker Fun
Pick-A-Bug

What's in
the Dirt?

Hand Print
Mural

ONGOING HANDWASHING PRACTICE
All Ages

Song:
Twinkle, Twinkle

Bugaloo Visits at
Snacktime

