

DRAMATIC PLAY AREA

When a child works in the House Area, he/she:

- ↳ learns what the roles of mothers, fathers and children are.
- ↳ understand what it feels like to play at being someone else.
- ↳ learns how to use imagination.
- ↳ learns to cooperate with other children.
- ↳ increases his/her ability to communicate with others about personally meaningful experiences.
- ↳ imitates and describes sounds from the environment.
- ↳ pantomimes actions such as cooking and vacuuming.

You can help as a volunteer by:

- ↳ joining the children in their make-believe.
- ↳ encouraging children to try new characters. Boys can take care of babies and girls can be detectives. Children can become doctors, mommies, super-heroes, astronauts, and whatever they can dream up.
- ↳ pretending with the children and using your imagination.
- ↳ introducing the children to the puppets in the house area. Puppets are often a valuable tool for building communication skills and the release of inner thoughts and emotions.
- ↳ relaxing and enjoying yourself in this not so make-believe world!

