

# Overall child development and welcoming an artist into a daycare

Welcoming artists from the **Des mots d'la dynamite** company for semi-directed creative workshops with your group can contribute to overall child development<sup>1</sup> in the following ways:

## THE AFFECTIVE DIMENSION

- Artistic expression allows each child to affirm their individual tastes and personality while discovering what makes them unique.
- In the company of their educator, each child learns to approach a new adult facilitator in a favourable context and to develop new bonds of trust.
- Sharing their artistic achievements and receiving encouragement from the artist contribute to reinforcing the children's self-esteem.

## THE PHYSICAL AND MOTOR DIMENSION

- Through a variety of open propositions, the artist gets the child moving. As such, they develop their overall or fine motor skills, depending on the type of game.
- The children's sensorial perceptions will be brought into play due to the colours, textures and sounds involved in the artistic exploration.
- As no notion of performance is involved in the creative games, the children are each free to make suggestions within a certain framework; the rhythm of each is respected.

## THE SOCIAL AND MORAL DIMENSION

- Several of the exercises involve joining with another (a friend, an artist or an educator), offering opportunities for exchange and collaboration.
- Artistic expression offers an excellent opportunity to name the emotions experienced or observed and to identify their manifestations, in order to better understand them.

## THE COGNITIVE DIMENSION

- The stimulation provoked by the workshops allows the children to ask questions, reflect and find imaginative and personal solutions to the little problems raised by the work of art.
- Certain artistic propositions allow the children to acquire new knowledge around a theme.
- By taking initiative during the artistic experimentations, by being creative and using their imagination, the children refine their capacity to reason and to understand symbolic representation.

## THE LINGUISTIC DIMENSION

- Interactions with the artists and the rest of the group within the framework of the artistic activities offered bring opportunities to communicate differently, through words but also through sounds, gestures, created art objects, etc.
- The demonstration presented by the artists stimulates a comprehension of spoken, sung or bodily expressed language.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca/fr/publication/Documents/programme\\_educatif.pdf](https://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca/fr/publication/Documents/programme_educatif.pdf)