**Philosophy**

The Hamilton-White Child Development Center believes:
* That all children are special and unique and come to us with a wide range of experiences, abilities, interests and needs.

* That all children develop best and are more receptive to learning experiences in a comfortable, safe, secure, and supportive environment,

* That all children develop in four developmental areas: physical, intellectual or cognitive, social, and emotional,

* That parents and center personnel have the responsibility to help the child become independent, self-controlled, confident and self-motivated to be prepared for formal education,

* That children learn rapidly when the environment provides an abundance of language opportunities,

* That regular communication between parents and staff is important for consistency with home experiences, and for staff to effectively understand and respond appropriately to a child's behavior,