

# We are a **SCREEN AWARE** early childhood practice

## **WE UNDERSTAND**

The potential **adverse effects of screen use** on the physical health, behavior, mood, speech, cognition and attention span of the developing child

The influence of **persuasive and addictive technological and digital design** on the developing brain

The value of **hands-on, minds-on and hearts-on learning** versus passive tasks, games and activities

## **WE PRACTICE**

**Responsible and ethical use** of mobile devices and digital platforms

Storing and **covering screen technology** when not needed for essential tasks

**Communicating purpose and parameters** when using screens with—and around—children

**Avoiding the use of screens** for behavioral distraction or motivation

**Guiding children** as they learn to be consumers and creators of screen-based media

## **WE PROMOTE**

Teaching and learning rooted in **real-life relationships** and connections

The **digital privacy** of children and families

**Advertising-free screen environments** and activities

**Media literacy education** for young children

**Freedom** from the presence and interruptions of screens