



*Helping Greater Richmond's Children Since 1924*

Toys, books, costumes, and art supplies are used every day at ChildSavers. Play, Sand and Art therapy help children express themselves when they can't find words. Many of the child care providers with whom we work serve low income families and are often unable to afford new supplies and equipment. Below is a list of our most needed items:

### **Dolls and Accessories**

- Multicultural dolls
- Loving Family dolls (dollhouse size)
- Baby dolls with bottles and diapers – multicultural
- Doll clothes
- Doll house furniture (beds, kitchen and bathroom, etc.)
- Barbie dolls and clothes - multicultural
- Cloth puppets/hand puppets – animals and people
- Soft dolls without button eyes or other features (removable features can pose a choking hazard)

### **Dramatic Play**

Dress up clothes (male and female) – hats, shoes, clothes:

- Fantasy dress-up clothes
- Police uniforms
- Monster costumes
- Non-latex costume masks: cartoon characters, action figures, fantasy figures
- Magical figures, etc.
- Firefighter clothing/gear

### **Household items (toys sized)**

- Dish sets
- Cash register
- Cultural foods
- Housekeeping items (child sized)
- Workbench (child sized)
- Pretend food
- Shopping Carts
- Global costumes
- Toy doctor kits

### **Blocks**

- Small Blocks
- Wooden Unit blocks
- Stacking or linking sets
- Hollow blocks (can be homemade)
- Accessories: cars, trucks, trains, airplanes, people, animals, dinosaurs, traffic signs
- Soft Blocks
- Foam Unit blocks
- Interlocking blocks
- Building toys

### **Finger play items**

- Beads with strings
- Pegs and pegboards
- Sewing cards
- Puzzles
- Lincoln logs
- Rattles



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### **Books and Pictures for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and young school aged children**

- Nature and science
- Pictures of realistic familiar objects, routines, different styled homes, people, food
- Different races/cultures, ages, gender, and occupations
- Different abilities: wheelchairs, eyeglasses, etc.
- Counting, comparing, shapes, written numbers, etc.
- Fantasy books appropriate for toddlers or preschoolers
- Board books for infants and toddlers.
- Posters or pictures of realistic people, homes, familiar objects, science and nature, race and culture, children playing, or representing people with different abilities, ages, and genders

\* Books should be new or like new with no torn or written on pages.

### **Art supplies**

- Paper
- Non-toxic felt pens
- Play dough or clay
- Safe scissors
- Tape dispensers
- Easels
- Paint brushes
- Water colors
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Thick pencils
- Wood gluing/ carpentry
- Hole punches
- Tempera paint / finger paint
- Aprons/smocks
- Glue/glue sticks
- Chalk/small chalk boards
- Fabric

### **Music**

- Toys that make sounds
- Xylophone
- Bells
- Sand blocks
- Tambourines
- CD players
- All types of CDs that represent different cultures and types of music.
- Maracas
- Toy Drums
- Rhythm sticks
- Tone block
- Castanets

### **Furnishings**

- Pillows - all sizes
- Carpets - all sizes
- Small padded chairs
- Small child sized bean bags

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