OUTDOOR LEARNING IN HOT WEATHER

Outdoor learning in early education settings is critical for whole child development. Learning how to adapt to a variety of weather conditions can ensure that children and adults are safe and protected from direct sun and excess heat.

Design Considerations for Outdoor Learning:

"Green" your outdoor space by adding trees and different types of vegetation. This can help reduce heat and deflect radiation from the sun!





Incorporate a diversity of shade, including larger and smaller pockets of shade. Ensure that your space has adequate seating structures in shaded areas for both adults and children.



Consider using lighter surfacing materials to reduce the amount of heat that is absorbed and retained in a space. Try to avoid large areas of pavement and consider adding grasses and plants to break up the space!



The orientation of settings and structures is important! Try to orient play equipment so that large surfaces, like slides, face North.