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# Hill & Dale Child Development Center

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## Introduction



### **Mission Statement:**

“Hill and Dale Child Development Center is a licensed non-profit organization currently serving children six weeks of age through Pre-K without regard to race, creed or disability...all of us at Hill and Dale wish to see every child succeed and it is this idea alone that drives us to deliver our best each and every day.”

### **Community Service Paradigm:**

I am preparing to be a Secondary Education teacher; however, I wanted to look at a different side of teaching that I am not used to. I volunteered at Hill & Dale preschool to understand the obstacles teachers have to face in order to make sure younger kids develop a good foundation for learning.

### **Reference:**

<http://www.lvchildcare.com>

## Social Issue: Diversity and Multicultural Education



### **Current State:**

At Hill & Dale, the teachers want to create a classroom environment that celebrates diversity. However, this can be challenging with a lack of resources and teachers. The preschool does not receive funds from the state, so it can be difficult to obtain the proper resources needed for a diverse classroom.

### **Ideal State:**

More qualified teachers that can lower the child-teacher ratio and create a differentiated classroom experience for the kids.

### **Approach to Issue:**

Although the school does not receive much income, they do take in any donations they can. They use these donations and other tools to teach the kids about different traditions that cultures experience. An example is that in the play kitchen, there are foods from all cultures found.



## What I learned



### **Professionally:**

Although I am in school to become a Secondary Education teacher, I learned different techniques on good classroom management. Many of the students needed routine in order to be successful in the classroom, and this can still be used for older kids. I also learned how essential a good foundation for learning is at this age, which carries over to how they learn when they are older.

### **Personally:**

I love working with children of all ages, but I never really understood how challenging it is to teach little kids and not just play with them. Children really do see the world differently, and it is great to see them explore and learn.