

Benefits of Working Together on Social and Emotional Development

Collaboration



Foster a learning community by planning group projects such as writing thank-you notes to guests, looking after a garden, or working on "big jobs" together.



When children work together, they have more opportunities to make new friends and build relationships with their peers — **fostering social wellness, confidence, and positive mental wellness.**



Plan group projects that are inclusive and equitable to ensure diverse perspectives and voices are heard and valued. Encourage children to work together in ways that **foster respect** for each other's thoughts, emotions, and contributions.

- Improves **communication** and **social skills**
- Teaches **cooperation** and **teamwork**
- Enhances **problem-solving** abilities
- Builds **respect** and **understanding** of others' perspectives
- Fosters a sense of **community** and **belonging**
- Encourages **responsibility** and **accountability**
- Provides opportunities for **friendship** and **peer relationships**
- Boosts **self-esteem** and **confidence**
- Stimulates **creativity** and **innovation**
- Promotes **empathy** and **compassion**



Work Together Wednesday aligns with CDA® Functional Area 8: Social. This competency highlights the benefits of collaborative work and social-emotional development.