

Home Visits: Serving the Entire Family and Child by Meeting their Individual Needs

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Domino Project Preschool

- Inclusive early intervention program for children diagnosed with autism and “typically” developing peers
- Strives to model the marriage of healthcare, mental health and education in provision of early intervention services for child and family
- Located on the EWU Campus in Cheney

Staffing

- Classroom Teacher
- 2 Full time Educational Aides – backgrounds in Early Childhood Education
- EWU Work-Study/Interns/Volunteers – all departments around campus (communications, education, psychology, OT, criminal justice, etc)
- Speech and Language Therapy Services once a week
- Occupational Therapy Consultation Monthly

Students

- Ages 2 through 5
- 6 diagnosed on the autism spectrum (4 vocal verbal, 2 non-vocal verbal)
 - Physician’s diagnosis
 - ADOS diagnostic tool (Autism Diagnosis Observation Schedule)
- 6 peers
 - Physician’s letter indicating no developmental concerns
- 9 boys and 3 girls

Monthly Home Visits

- Offered to every family at the preschool
- Benefits –
 - Understanding the entire family
 - Family dynamics
 - Understanding the entire child
 - How the family functions in the community
 - Understanding the abilities of the family
 - Understanding the needs of the family

Building Collaborative Relationships

- Importance of
 - Compassion
 - Patience
 - and Understanding

Domains

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| ■ Bedtime Routines | ■ Toilet Training |
| ■ Dinner Routines | ■ Dressing |
| ■ Play Skills | ■ Siblings |
| ■ Following | ■ Morning Routines |
| ■ Directions/Listening | ■ Car Trips |
| ■ Communication/Language | ■ Organization/Management of Toys |
| ■ Transitions | ■ Access to Toys and Activities |
| ■ Community Activities | ■ Bath time Routines |
| ■ Family Involvement | ■ Many more... |
| ■ Family Pets | |
| ■ Reinforcement | |