The word cloud to the left took only a few minutes to create by copying and pasting words from the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s PCCP documents into the free and easy to use Tagxedo program found on the website www.tagxedo.com.

Go to page 2 for ideas and suggestions on how you could use word clouds to illustrate the diversity of the children, families and staff in your program.
CREATE WORD CLOUDS FOR YOUR PROGRAM, FAMILIES, CHILDREN, OR STAFF

PROGRAM: You and your staff can generate a list of words and phrases that reflect the values and beliefs in which your program operates. Put them in a word cloud. See that everyone gets a copy or print it out and post it in a prominent place.

Here is a list of words to get you started: welcoming, family, culture, diversity, responsive, sensitive, kind, inclusive, children, cooperative, respectful, supportive, community, flexible, creative, friendship, caring,…

CHILDREN: Along with children’s art and photographs, display a word cloud that expresses a child’s uniqueness and what they have in common with other children in the program.

Gather words by listening to children’s conversations, ask them about their favorite things; interview family members.

Families: Ask families to bring you a list of words that describes their family and make word clouds to display. Look for things that all of your families have in common and look for interesting things families can share with others.

Staff: Ask individual staff members to share word clouds about themselves and their families.

Call if you need help with making word clouds using www.tagxedo.com, it really is very easy to do, Christy 406-444-7067. Send me your word clouds, I would love to see them.