Outdoor Learning Environments
in Childcare Centers

Best Practice Indicators

#1. Ten or more play and learning settings
#2. Looping, curvy, primary pathway
#3. Multipurpose lawn
#4. Shady settings (other than trees)
#5. Natural, loose materials
#6. Wheeled toys, portable play equipment and play materials
#7. Support of gross motor activities
#8. Sufficient trees
#9. Edible fruiting tree species
#10. Shrubs, vines, and ornamental grasses
#11. Designated vegetable garden
#12. Enclosed outdoor storage and classroom space