

Mission

With a child-centered approach, we exist to promote development of the whole child: cognitive, physical, social and emotional aspects. Our focus is maximizing children's learning potential through guided play and self-directed learning to create lifelong learners.

Our Philosophy

Children are naturally motivated to learn and we focus on creating a progressive learning environment to assist in their development and understanding of the world and themselves.

The School of Life

Life is the greatest teacher and creates its own curriculum & self-directed education allows children to learn free of oppression.

- Develop & discover natural abilities
- Gain confidence in skills
- No need for labels of "disabilities"
- Create lifelong learners
- Curriculum always applicable to life
- Everything is a learning experience

For a school to allow children to grow authentically, it must be independent of state legislation & community funded. Our youth's education is our responsibility.



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 **Dragonflies
Learning Center**

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The Dragonflies Learning Center(DLC) is a resource for its community and an alternative & supplement to traditional schooling. It is the base of the Dragonflies youth group and houses the learning collective. We are still locating a home for the DLC.

Benefits

- Youth develop skill sets
- Removes pressure to conform
- Maintain intrinsic motivation
- Full expression of child
- Behaviors seen as communication
- Interaction w/ children of all ages
- Children develop naturally

School to Prison Pipeline

The practices in traditional school settings increase the likelihood of certain children going to prison in their adult life. Many victims are black males.

- 48% of preschoolers suspended more than once are black
- Black students are 3x more likely to be suspended or expelled
- School discipline outsourced to police
- Black males more likely label with behavioral, emotional & learning disabilities.
- Racial biased in standardized testing

Our children are being criminalized in school. The structure of school and the curriculum are products of an oppressive system. Our goal is to provide an alternative.

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Building Community

Community is key in creating resources & support for children. We can provide youth opportunities and learning experiences w/ group economics & learning cooperatives. Community also fosters social and emotional development. Join the Dragonflies Collective on our website.

Dragonflies Youth Group

The Dragonflies attend and plan events together. Children have more fun in groups and parents can relax having more adults for supervision.

- Sense of community for children
- Parent networking
- Fun for the family
- Group discounts & rates
- Fun learning experiences for all

[Join our Facebook group Dragonflies!](#)

