These program standards have been derived from the quality practices identified by the Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality. To find out more about these research-based practices, visit [www.cypq.org](http://www.cypq.org).

**Early Childhood Program Standards**
1. Program planned using an approved program planning sheet.
2. Staff provides a welcoming atmosphere.
3. Program is planned, presented, and paced for young children.
4. Staff shares expectations for behavior.
5. Program includes an opening routine.
6. Program incorporates activities that support 5 of the 6 pre-literacy skills.
7. Program includes activities that teach at least one concrete concept.
8. Program has a culminating experience to tie the storytime together.
9. Program includes a closing routine.
10. Staff relates the program to JPL services and resources.
11. Staff thanks families for attending.
12. Staff invites families back to future programs.

**School Age and Teen Program Standards:**
1. Program planned using an approved program planning sheet.
2. Staff provides a welcoming atmosphere.
3. Program is planned, presented, and paced for youth.
4. Staff states expectations for behavior.
5. Staff relates the program to JPL services and resources.
6. Program supports active engagement
7. Youth have opportunities to make choices based on their interests.
8. Staff engages with youth in positive ways.
9. Staff positively guides youth behavior.
10. Youth have opportunities to reflect.
11. Staff thanks youth for attending.
12. Staff invites youth back to future programs.

**Adult Program Standards:**
1. Program planned using an approved program planning sheet.
2. Staff provides a welcoming atmosphere.
3. Program is planned, presented, and paced for adults.
4. Staff relates the program to JPL services and resources.
5. Staff engages with participants in positive ways.
6. Staff thanks participants for attending.
7. Staff invites participants back to future programs.