

# Naturalize your Indoor Environment Checklist

## Elements that create connections

Warm and friendly to parents

- Parent information board
- Places for adults to sit
- Photos of families, staff and children
- Representations of the cultures in your program

## Elements that connect with the natural world

- Plants
- Natural light
- Lamps for cozy lighting
- Use natural materials such as wood furniture, wicker, dried plants, wood stumps, stones
- Use natural fibers, sheer material and baskets
- Natural items from outdoors-sticks, pinecones, leaves, etc

## Elements that are aesthetically pleasing

- Add softness-pillows, fabric hanging, parasols, Ceiling hangings
- Muted colors-reduce primary color use
- Nooks, cozy spaces or lofts
- Items that add visual or textural interest-quilts, weavings
- Objects that engage the senses and create a sense of wonder-wind chimes, colorful glass hangings, sparkly items

## Displays in your classroom

Eliminate visual clutter

- Reduce use of commercial posters and characters
- Use real art work