

What's New for 2004

"Furniture literally shapes our experience: whether we sit or kneel, work alone or together, feel at ease or not. The chair and table that truly fit, the storage unit of the right scale for the child and the room empower and encourage competence, no small matter when you are little and living in a busy group setting." — Jim Greenman

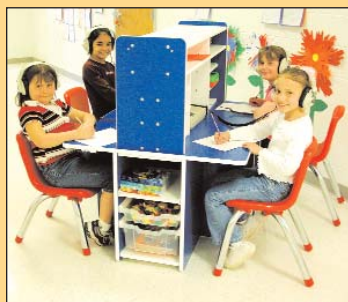
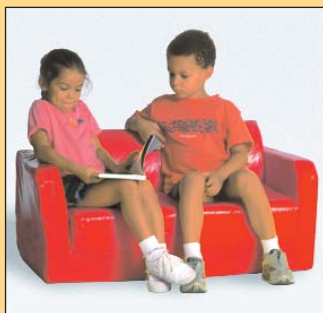
Manufacturers of furniture for early childhood environments were invited to submit a photo and information about what they considered to be their most innovative product for 2004. Inclusion in this Furniture Showcase does not imply endorsement by *Child Care Information Exchange*. To receive free information from these companies, please visit our web site, www.ChildCareExchange.com or circle the number for each company of interest on the Product Inquiry Card located between pages 64 and 65.

Foamex Child Care
(800) 527-3626

www.foamexchildcare.com

Circle 116 on Product Inquiry Card

Foamex makes soft, plush, kid-size furniture, mats, and shapes in five fun colors. Kids love the distinctive handles. Everything is designed for comfort and safety, using the highest quality fire-resistant, antimicrobial foam as well as easy-to-care for, child-safe vinyl. Yet Foamex Childcare products are priced very competitively and offer the best value in the marketplace.



benee's™ Inc.
(800) 854-1411
www.benees.com

Circle 108 on Product Inquiry Card

benee's Writing Center II — ideal for listening, writing, or general learning. 4 individual work spaces, 4 lower storage areas. Optional shelf or tote storage for

each lower storage area. Top storage provides easy access to multiple activities. Add a variety of activity panels to the sides for additional learning areas.



Best-Rite
www.bestrite.com
(866) 886-6935

Circle 109 on Product Inquiry Card

Tubbie Tower — Store all of your supplies, books, and instruction materials in this unique cart. The heavy-duty metal frame will outlast others! 9 blue and red tubs are included. The side panels are dry-erase surfaces to write down notes, memos, homework assignments, or have kids write their thoughts!

- Includes 9 colorful tubs
- 4" casters for heavy-duty use
- Dry-erase panel on each side



Joy Carpets, Inc.
(800) 645-2787
www.joycarpets.com

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Tree of Life® is a unique and innovative classroom carpet based on scientific facts that can be applied to curriculum

for early childhood and elementary students. Tree of Life® promotes discussion about the significance of trees and their relationship to animal life, shelter, habitat, and behaviors. An instructional booklet is mailed with every rug. Available in 5'4" x 7'8" and 7'8" x 10'9" rug sizes.



Community Playthings
(800) 777-4244

www.communityplaythings.com

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Essential early-learning skills like dramatic play, role-play, and housekeeping are all built into one Drama Center. This mobile dress-up unit locks for stability, boasts a full-length mirror, and provides child-accessible, organized

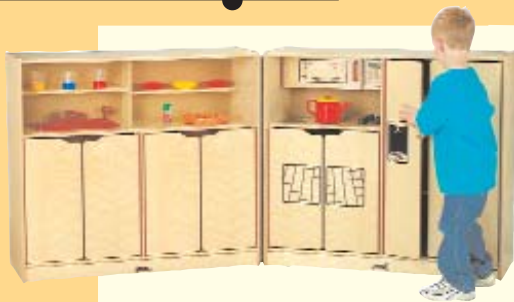
storage with totes, hooks, and hanger holes. Fit the unit with up to four rotating arches and toss a transparent Flowie over them to set the stage for hours of imaginative play.



Learning Products, Inc.
(800) 859-3815
www.learningproducts.com

Circle 121 on Product Inquiry Card

By popular demand, Learning Products is re-introducing the LP Activity Center.™ Our Center includes two super strong chairs and a table, all made from easy to clean polypropylene plastic. Each chair weighs 5 lbs., and the table weighs 6.5 lbs. This heavy-duty plastic design will handle the stresses of early childhood activities — even the activities not on the curriculum. The LP Activity Center™ includes one table and two chairs. Components may be added at any time.



Jonti-Craft, Inc.
(507) 342-5169
www.jonti-craft.com

Circle 117 on Product Inquiry Card

Kitchen-to-Go, a mobile, securable kitchen. Fold the wings, lock the hasp, and roll it away — the perfect solution for multi-functional rooms. Engineered to save space, ingeniously designed to accommodate several young chefs. Kitchen-to-Go is loaded with the quality features Jonti-Craft is known for: KYDZHinges™, KYDZSafe™ edges, KYDZTuff™ finish and heavy-duty casters (Patent Pending).

Environments, Inc.
(800) EI-CHILD
(800-342-4453)
www.eichild.com

Circle 114 on

Product Inquiry Card

Modern curvilinear lines, brilliant colors, and satin smooth finish come together in this exciting child-size

furniture. The Harmony ColorSuite® is great for the housekeeping center to promote social interaction and cooperative play. It is also a soft, cozy spot for reading or sitting with a friend. Made of high quality Baltic birch. Includes vinyl-covered foam seat cushions. Environments, Inc. is the manufacturer and exclusive distributor of the Harmony ColorSuite.®



Child Technologies
(877) 867-3171

www.childtechnologies.com

Circle 111 on Product Inquiry Card

Nap Room Loft — Our new loft is designed for children ages 18-42 months. The multi-level play space provides over 100 square feet of flexible activity area. It is built of solid maple, maple plywood, and selected softwood construction. Manufactured using impact-resistant acrylic windows and covered steps and platform with long-wearing carpet all to provide safety, durability, and easy observation. Adult supervision is a must with all Nap Room Loft furniture and equipment. Never leave children unattended.



Angeles® Group LLC
(636) 257-0533

www.angeles-group.com

Circle 107 on Product Inquiry Card

Angeles® BaseLine® Bookrack

- Conveniently holds "Big Books"
- Easily see book covers through clear acrylic shelving
- Safe, soft, rounded edges
- Permanently sealed soft foam edges

- Wide base for stability
- Easy to clean laminate surfaces
- Available in 6 attractive colors: Slate Blue (pictured), Teal Green, Mauve, Ocean Blue, Coral Red, Sunshine Yellow
- 3-year guarantee



Lakeshore Learning Materials
(800) 778-4456

www.lakeshorelearning.com

Circle 120 on Product Inquiry Card

Our Listening Center Group Table keeps everything in its place — and has space for up to eight children to listen & learn at once! Center compartment keeps your cassette player and junction box within easy reach — and ingeniously designed slots keep cords out of the way and tangle-free. And it has storage cubbies on every side, so materials stay accessible.



Tot Mate™
(800) 350-3270

www.totmate.com

Circle # 127 on Product Inquiry Card

Tot-Mate™ TR383 Premium Changing Station combines several features in a very small footprint, overall length is 46". The single piece molded top is easy to clean and disinfect and has no seams to harbor dirt and bacteria. The convenient trash compartment keeps soiled items behind closed doors and out of reach. Twelve extra deep trays slide on wire supports that are easier to clean than cubbies. Comes in 15 "MicroSurf" laminate colors that inhibit the growth of bacteria, mold, and mildew.

Carpets for Kids**(503) 232-1203****www.carpetsforkids.com**

Circle 110 on Product Inquiry Card

Using a circle time theme, Carpets for Kids® Hip Hop to the Top educational area rug promotes reading, math, letter & number recognition, and gross motor skills. KIDply® backing helps in resisting wrinkles and creasing, making this a practical daycare or schoolroom addition. The Hip Hop Numbers Kit increases the functionality of the rug through matching activities.

RPM Inc. — Drymate Products**(800) 872-8201****www.drymate.com**

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New to the market, the Drymate Craft Mat is an essential product for painting and crafting. The versatile Craft Mat is 24" x 29" of pure table protection. One side is made of a soft felt-like material, which is great for crafting; it holds beads and small pieces in place and absorbs and contains spills. The other side is clear-coated with a waterproof, bonded backing. Paint, glue, and glitter wipe up easily from this surface.

FLAGHOUSE®**(800) 793-7900****www.FlagHouse.com**

Circle 115 on Product Inquiry Card

The Heathfield Adjustable Posture Chair is designed for persons with physical disabilities who have moderate-to-medium seating problems. Available in sizes from preschool through adult, this quality-crafted, built-to-last Birch wood chair is a good choice for the classroom or any multi-user environment. The Heathfield is available exclusively through the FlagHouse Special Populations catalog.

KoalaPlay Group**(888) 214-9698****www.koalaplaygroup.com**

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The brand new Fun Wall:

- Fun Wall is a free-standing multi-child activity center.
- Solid wood construction
— built to last in the commercial market
- No removable parts
- Entertaining graphics work wonders as children "fly" an airplane, "drive" a car, "talk" on the phone, and enjoy other hands-on activities.

Learning Well**(800) 645-6564****www.learningwelled.com**

Circle 122 on Product Inquiry Card

The Profiles Furniture range is specifically designed for early childhood education. Each unit is designed in bright, primary colors and with safety in mind. The Mobile Square Displayer Unit has 12 quadrants offering a large capacity for storage of books, videos, CDs, games, and many other items used in the classroom.

Luxor**(800) 323-4656****www.luxorfurn.com**

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LCT29 mobile computer workstation designed for children is made of wood and steel. Choose from five colors: gray, blue, red, yellow, or charcoal. Complete with pull-out mouse and keyboard shelf and 2" furniture casters (two locking). Unit measures 29"H x 24"W x 19"D. Assembly required. Wt. 53 lbs.

Mity-Lite**(800) 327-1692****www.mitylite.com**

Circle 124 on Product Inquiry Card

Mity-Lite proudly introduces MityBrite, a new line of durable, lightweight, plastic, folding-leg tables in bright, primary colors. Everyone else offers colored laminate on heavy wood that can splinter and break. With adjustable height legs, Mity-Brite are perfect for children's rooms.

Nursery Maid**(800) 443-8773****www.nurserymaid.com**

Circle 125 on Product Inquiry Card

Finger-safe Dramatic Play Set — Engage imaginations with our three piece finger-safe Dramatic Play Set. Featuring rounded corners, 3/4" thick, 13-ply Maple and

sturdy 14.5" deep tip-resistant construction. Each door features finger-safe, all around clearance, and piano hinges.

Royal Seating, Ltd. / L.L. Sams, Inc.**(254) 605-5556****Fax: (254) 605-5517**

Circle 126 on Product Inquiry Card

Royal's new Learning Circle Desk offers fun, flexible seating for the early childhood environment. The trapezoid-shape desk can be used alone or with additional Learning Circle Desks to create rows, semi-circles, or circles — and the brightly colored edge band adds a fun accent to any classroom!

Tri-Star Manufacturing Co, Inc.**(260) 665-3447**

Circle 128 on Product Inquiry Card

Colorful New SlumberTime Cots For Kids! Now Naptime features colorful "ToyLand Themed" cot covers with matching colored corners in red, yellow, blue, and green. SlumberTime Quality Cots are covered with "PhiferTex Plus" Fabric, which is 45% heavier than our standard cot material and features a variety of bears, balls, blocks & toy shapes woven throughout the fabric. Distributed exclusively by Star Covers Plus at factory direct discounted prices.