

NAEYC Play Based Learning Research and Resources

The screenshot shows the NAEYC website interface. At the top left is the NAEYC logo. To its right is a navigation menu with links: Home, About NAEYC, Affiliates, Newsroom, Advertise, For Families, Contact Us, and a search bar labeled 'Enter your search here'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links: Membership, Publications, Accreditation, Conferences & Events, Professional Development, Public Policy, and Topics. The main content area is titled 'Home > Topics > Play' and features a large purple banner with the word 'Play' in white. To the right of the banner is a photograph of three young children playing with colorful toys. Below the banner, there is a paragraph of text: 'Read about the latest research on play, play based learning, why play is an important part of children's learning and development, the role of play in the classroom and ideas to share with families.' To the left of this text is a vertical sidebar menu with various categories: Member Login, NAEYC Online Store, Position Statements, Get Involved, Anti-Bias Education, Back to School, Common Core, Coping with Disasters and Tragedies, DAP, Ethics, Engaging Diverse Families, Guiding Challenging Behavior/Anti-Bullying, Music, Nature, Obesity Prevention, Play, Profession, Research, STEM, and Summer Learning. To the right of the main text is a section titled 'To share with families' which includes a photograph of a child playing with blocks and a list of links: '10 Things Every Parent Should Know about Play', 'Why This Toy?', 'Big Body Play and Why It's Important', and 'Is Dressing Up for Halloween Different...'. Below the main text, there is a section titled 'What the Research Says about Play' with several sub-links: 'Play's Role in Learning is Complex', 'More Threats to Preschoolers' Play', 'Debunking the Play Versus Learning Dichotomy', 'Gender-Typed Toys', 'Impact of Specific Toys on Play', 'Dr. Alison Gopnik on the Evidence that Connects Play to Learning', and 'References to Play in NAEYC Position Statements'. Below this is another section titled 'Play and Children's Learning in the Classroom' with a paragraph: 'Browse this selection of articles on play based learning from *Young Children* and *Teaching Young Children*.' and a link: 'Assessing and Scaffolding Make Believe Play: Mature make-believe play provides unique learning opportunities'.

<http://www.naeyc.org/play>

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