



# Greenspan's Irreducible Needs of Children

1. A safe place to grow up that includes at least one person who cares about, and is capable of caring for, the child
2. Relationships that grow deep and last through childhood
3. Lots of opportunities to interact one-to-one with people who know the child well enough to read his or her signals and adjust accordingly
4. Recognition of, and respect for, individual differences in style and speed of development
5. Opportunities to experiment, take risks, and fail
6. Security of predictable structure and clear boundaries
7. Stable neighborhoods and communities