

## Creative Spaces

What kind of spaces and materials inspire creativity for children and youth? Read the article from the Penn State Better Kid Care website about a concept known as “loose parts”. Refer to the website listed in the Explore section of Lesson 3 in the T&C track Creative Expression course.

<http://extension.psu.edu/youth/betterkidcare/early-care/our-resources/tip-pages/tips/loose-parts-what-does-this-mean>

Then, answer these questions:

1. In what ways is the concept of “loose parts” consistent with the experiences your program gives children and youth?
2. In what ways is the concept different from the experiences in your program?
3. What are the characteristics of inspiring spaces and materials that inspire creativity?
4. What ideas could you help staff members use in your own program?
5. What steps will you take to make your own program’s spaces and materials more inspiring?