# The Arc. Palm Beach County

## **Sensory Fun!**

#### **Activity:**

Sand Foam

\*Optional Materials

#### **Benefits:**

Sensory stimulation help grow and develop synapses which in turn progresses their development in cognitive skills, learn language skills by interacting with other children and instructors, work on fine-tuning motor skills, and develop social skills by working together in a group. There are children that cannot easily understand the messages their senses are providing, so sensory play helps them build these skills in a safe and caring environment.

#### **Materials:**

- Clean sand
- Shaving cream
- Large Tray or Tub
  - \*There are no real defined amounts for the ingredients, the sand and shaving cream amounts can be adjusted until you are happy with the consistency. We started with 3 cups of sand and 200ml of shaving cream, however, we added another 3 cups of sand to our mixture to explore what would happen.
- \*Dinosaurs, shells, toy cars, etc.
- \*Plastic alphabet letters, numbers, etc.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Add sand to the tray
- 2. Gradually add the shaving cream and combine using hands
- 3. Add more shaving cream until desired consistency is made
- 4. \*Play hide and seek with optional items
- 5. \*Have youth write their name, practice math problems, draw pictures, etc.









### **Visuals for Sand Foam**



Add sand and shaving cream to a tray



Combine using your hands





