

Supporting Early Learning Educators Through Confident, Compassionate Leadership



# Who Are We?







# Need to Know

- First time in formal education setting
- They are little
- Developmental Continuum
  - Physical
  - Emotional
  - Mental
  - Spiritual/Wonder
- Family Connections are
   Critical





### Principles of Early Learning

Children are strong, capable in their uniqueness, and full of potential

Families have the most important role in contributing to children's well-being and learning

Educators are researchers and collaborators

Early years spaces are inclusive

People build connection and reconnection to land, culture, community, and place



### Principles of Early Learning

Environments are integral to well-being and learning

Play is integral to well-being and learning

Relationships are the context for wellbeing and learning

Learning is holistic

# Balanced Approach



(Limited Learning)

(Optimal Learning)

(Limited Learning)

#### Unstructured

Play without adult support

#### **Child Initiated Play**

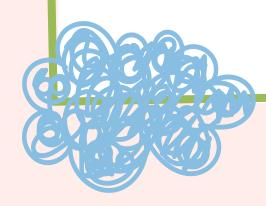
Adult support for an enabling environment, and responsive interaction

#### **Focused Learning**

Adult-guided, playful experiential activities

#### **Highly Structured**

Adult-directed, little or no play





# Learning Targets

Essential Learning

Experiences

Social Emotional

Physical

Intellectual

Spiritual



Subjects Outcomes Indicators









1. Be aware of what is happening by spending time in the classrooms.

2. Encourage reflection. Ask 'why' questions.





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- 3. Support the educator to participate in professional development opportunities for continued learning.
- 4. Be open and allow the educator to try their ideas.





5. Provide a budget or process for educators to obtain materials for the early learning program.

6. Support the educators to partner, network and collaborate with others.



7. Be available to educators when they have questions.

8. Model behaviours we want to see in educators; such as respectful interactions, reflection, and continued learning.







9. Hold yourself accountable.

10. Find joy!





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