



## Professional Self-Regulation in Practice: Children, Teachers and Leaders as Risk Takers

Join Cindy Green for this timely workshop opportunity. This session will stretch our thinking about organizational values, practices, and policies that reflect the views of all team members as competent, capable, and able to take risks in learning. Given the notion that ‘fearful adults create fearful children’ as outlined in *Let Them Play* (Johnson, 2012), we consider how unquestioning adult reliance on “that’s the rule” might impede children from experiencing the learning potential of a play situation that comes with genuine inquiry and active exploration. The ability of a team to wonder, question, inquire and respond appropriately in all situations is cultivated from the foundation set by leaders. An overview of the importance of acquiring self-regulation (Shanker, 2010) will clarify why and how management can invite teachers to support children to take safe risks.

**Friday February 20** • 12:00 to 2:00 pm • ECCDC (Community Boardroom) • \$50 includes a light lunch • To register, contact the ECCDC at 905.646.7311 ext. 304, email [eccdc@eccdc.org](mailto:eccdc@eccdc.org) or online at [www.eccdc.org](http://www.eccdc.org)

## Creative Art: Cultivating Creativity and Balance

This hands-on workshop facilitated by Cindy Green will begin with an overview of how artistic development is framed by BELONGING, WELL-BEING, ENGAGEMENT and EXPRESSION, the foundations of learning (*How Does Learning Happen?* 2014). We will celebrate the successes that early learning teachers have had when transforming “arts and crafts” experiences into inspiring “art studios”, a term borrowed from our Reggio colleagues. Environmental set-up and accessible materials that nurture our inner creativity and critical thinking will be shared and explored. Throughout our play we will practice how to talk to one another to ensure that learning and creative expression become visible; thus modeling how you can support preschool and school-age children’s representational thought and respect of materials.

**Tuesday March 24** • 6:30 to 8:30pm • ECCDC (Community Boardroom) • \$45 includes materials and nutrition break • To register, contact the ECCDC at 905.646.7311 ext. 304, email [eccdc@eccdc.org](mailto:eccdc@eccdc.org) or online at [www.eccdc.org](http://www.eccdc.org)



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Reflective and responsive practice, inclusive naturalistic environments and emergent curriculum inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach to learning continue to be a few of Cindy’s passions.



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