



Family *and* Community Involvement: Learning as Partners



Parents are their children’s first teachers. Educators working within licensed child care programs, Full Day Kindergarten Programs and Family Support Programs are invited to attend this workshop. Families are also welcome to attend! Participants will gain strategies for continuing to involve families and the larger community as partners. Discussions will take place related to clarifying any misconceptions that families may have related to play based and inquiry based learning, so that you may share a common language and understanding. The Image of the Child, Educator Team, and Family will be discussed, as well as practical ways to strengthen the home and school connection and communication through project work and social media. Participants will be introduced to “Family Fridays,” and will explore several hands-on learning areas that could be created during family and community events. Joanne looks forward to describing and sharing documentation of her infant engaging in learning and sharing perspectives both as an educator and as a new mom.

Saturday April 29, 2017 • 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • St. Catharines Museum, 1932 Welland Canals Parkway, St. Catharines • \$75 includes breakfast and lunch • To register, contact the ECCDC at 905.646.7311 ext. 304, email eccdc@eccdc.org or visit www.eccdc.org.



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