

Integrating Technology to Enhance Daily Practice with Children and Families Series



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In the age of technology, it is helpful to take time to consider how we can integrate technology into our daily practice to enhance the experiences of the children and families we work with. Technology can sometimes be intimidating when you don't have a knowledge base. This new series will be building upon those technical basics to enhance our understanding of building and coding with technology as well as how we can use that knowledge to support and increase family engagement.

Session 1 - Where to Begin: The Technical Basics

Where will we begin? For this session we will be reflecting on how technology has been used within our programs and what are the basics we need to know. Are there other pieces of the puzzle we need to consider such as policy, best practices, benefits of technology and the right kind of screen time? Participants will have an opportunity to explore these pieces as well as different types of technology that you could implement within your program. The technology will be supportive of learning for children, families, and educators which we will look at in the next sessions in the series.

Thursday January 28, 2021

6:30 to 9:00 pm

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Session 2 - Building and Coding with Technology

Children have been exposed to technology from a very young age and many have become very computer savvy so what's next? This session will explore building on the skills children already have and diving into the idea of building with technology to create what before was only in their imaginations. We will investigate how coding utilizes a creative process in which computers are "told" how to execute different actions. Participants will have an opportunity to explore how this is done.

Thursday February 25, 2021

6:30 to 9:00 pm

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Session 3 - Technology Strategies to Support Family Engagement

We have a picture of the basics and how we can enhance children's opportunities with technology so the next step is to put into practice what we have learned with the families we support. We will investigate strategies to move away from paper copies to digital media and pathways to authentically engage our families within our programs. We will also explore different programs, resources and tools in a hands-on interactive setting.

Thursday March 25, 2021

6:30 to 9:00 pm

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