



## *Horizons In Learning*

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### *Deepening Adult/Child Interactions – 4 Part Series* *Presenter: Constant Hine, M.A.*

This workshop is based on the concept that relationships are the container for learning. This workshop will address the importance of developing a positive context for interactions and authentic relationships between adults and children to promote positive self esteem, meaningful learning, holistic development and growth in children. We will examine and learn how to talk WITH children, rather than talk AT children.

This workshop is designed to assist adults in programs that promote child centered learning and positive parenting to build skills in connecting with children, providing meaningful experiences and supporting their development. To do this we must increase our awareness and practice of specific supportive interactions based on current brain research, using caring, respectful behaviors, and learning to facilitate children to interpret and learn from experience rather than focusing solely on instructing and 'teaching' content, information and data.

#### Workshop Objectives:

- Participants will practice a variety of respectful interaction and scaffolding strategies.
- Participants will learn verbal and non-verbal positive communication and effective feedback skills.
- Participants will identify the value of using and supporting social play with children to deepen relationships between adults and children.
- Participants will examine the balance between initiative of the child and initiative of the adult issues
- Participants will learn the value of and how to Talk Informatively.

#### **CONTENT OUTLINE**

**Session 1: Deepening Adult/Child Interactions**

**Session 2: Adult/Child Interactions: : Promoting Language Development**

**Session 3: Adult/Child Interactions: Promoting Social-Emotional Development**

**Session 4: Adult/Child Interactions: Promoting Cognitive Development**