



Horizons In Learning, LLC

Talking WITH Children, Not AT Children: Deepening Language and Cognitive Development in Young Children

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This workshop will address the importance of creating a positive verbal environment and respectful relationships between adults and children to promote language development and critical thinking in young children.

This workshop is designed to assist adults in programs that promote child centered learning to build skills in talking WITH children, not at them, to foster conversation, language development, and promote complex thinking in children. We will explore the impact and importance of deepening adult communication skills to promote social emotional competence, positive self esteem, and self expression in young children.

Participants will learn positive verbal interactions, the use of effective praise, and how to promote an experience of classroom community and genuine conversation skills in young children. Participants will also learn instructional strategies aligned with teacher interactions assessed using the CLASS such as, observation-based narrative or talking informatively, how to ask clarifying and empowering questioning, as well as offering provocations that foster critical thinking and problem solving in young children.