

Workshop Description

“Engaging Young Learners: The Intentional Teacher’s Role”

Presenter: Constant Hine

This workshop will explore the varied roles an intentional teacher uses in early childhood classrooms to meet the diverse needs of children, to foster inquiry, creative problem solving, cooperative interactions and cognitive developmental in young children. This approach considers the developmental, individual and contextual needs of children to ensure meaningful, relevant, and culturally respectful learning experiences.

We will examine the following roles a teacher plays in providing engaging and meaningful learning experiences for young children:

- Teacher As Nest Maker
- Teacher As Facilitator & Coach
- Teacher As Set Designer & Prop Manager
- Teacher As Decision Maker & Stage Manager
- Teacher As Researcher & Gem Finder
- Teacher As Planner

We will explore strategies to build safe and respectful learning environments and relationships, to identify the diversity of strengths and needs of children, to intentionally plan curriculum based on universal best practices in early childhood, to use coaching & facilitation techniques. We will also be discussing the use of the environment and the development of learning centers to provide a variety of interactive, meaningful learning experiences that engage young children while also meeting program goals and learning standards.

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