

Informed Advocacy in Early Childhood Care And Education Making A Difference For Young Children And Families

Every preschool, kindergarten, and primary teacher should have *SUPPORTING PLAY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD: ENVIRONMENT, CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT*, 3rd Edition, in their personal library. Readable yet thorough, this book and supporting materials provide a comprehensive approach to designing, implementing, and evaluating play-based programs for young children. The first two chapters situate play in the context of historical and current theory while providing information about the role of play in the growth and development of the child. Current topics such as connections to neurological research, culture and diversity, play for children with special needs, outdoor learning settings, STEM, Reggio Emilia, and the importance of interactions with adults are addressed. Symbols throughout the text show the alignment of the content with NAEYC and CEC/DEC standards. Sample lesson plans are in the appendix. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

""This book advocates for children and families in rural poverty and explores interdisciplinary approaches to support the cognitive, social, and emotional needs of children and families in poverty"--Provided by publisher"--

The general public often views early childhood education as either simply “babysitting” or as preparation for later learning. Of course, both viewpoints are simplistic. Deep understanding of child development, best educational practices based on development, emergent curriculum, cultural competence and applications of family systems are necessary for high-quality early education. Highly effective early childhood education is rare in that it requires collaboration and transitions among a variety of systems for children from birth through eight years of age. The SAGE Encyclopedia of Contemporary Early Childhood Education presents in three comprehensive volumes advanced research, accurate practical applications of research, historical foundations and key facts from the field of contemporary early childhood education. Through approximately 425 entries, this work includes all areas of child development – physical, cognitive, language, social, emotional, aesthetic – as well as comprehensive review of best educational practices with young children, effective preparation for early childhood professionals and policy making practices, and addresses such questions as: · How is the field of early childhood education defined? · What are the roots of this field of study? · How is the history of early childhood education similar to yet different from the study of public education? · What are the major influences on understandings of best practices in early childhood education?

While they are at work a mother and father send powerful “love waves” to their child at home, offering reassurance and comfort in their absence.

Due to changes in funding and legislation, educating as a career has become unstable. It is imperative to establish a culture that values education in order to encourage pursuing and preserving the profession of teaching. *Advocacy in Academia and the Role of Teacher Preparation Programs* is an essential reference source for the latest scholarly research on the need of support for students and faculty by examining policy, student engagement, professorial activism, and integrated allied services. Featuring extensive coverage on a broad range of topics such as student success, specialty programs, and service learning, this publication is ideally designed for academicians, researchers, and practitioners seeking current research on issues of advocacy in education.

The New Early Childhood Professional

Educating Our Preschoolers

Curriculum, Schooling and Applied Research

Advocacy in Academia and the Role of Teacher Preparation Programs

Theories of Early Childhood Education

Curriculum Models and Early Childhood Education

Challenges and Tensions for Researchers

Sociology of Adolescence is a second- or third-year course, examining the social definitions of adolescence in cross-cultural and historical perspectives. In their previous examination of the Sociology of Adolescence in a book titled, Generation On Hold (1994), the authors observed the increasingly prolonged transitional period between the dependency of childhood and the independence of adulthood caused by diminished workplace opportunities. Critical Youth Studies now expands upon that topic using clear evidence of this trend and its troubling consequences. Not only in Canada, but also in virtually every advanced industrialized country in the world, the full cohort transition now spans the ages of 15 to 30. Young people constitute a disadvantaged group in need of special academic and policy attention, whether they go on to higher education or complete high school or less. What lies behind the growing inequalities among age cohorts? Should it be taken for granted as the "new normal"? This book presents a focused argument that challenges complacency and provides a model for critical thinking on these issues.

FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES: TOGETHER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, 5th Edition, emphasizes the role of families and communities in children's education, and is geared to meeting national standards in teacher preparation programs. Content reflects current research and best practices in education. Divided into two sections, this book helps you understand contemporary families and provides you with the skills that you will need to build relationships with families and the community. You'll find specific ideas and strategies for increasing family involvement in the community and schools, encouraging learning at home, working with military families, recognizing family strengths, diversity in the classroom, and many other topics. New content includes integration of current standards and a new video feature as well as expanded material on advocacy, technology, and strategies for dealing with parents. Available with InfoTrac Student Collections http://goengage.com/infotrac. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This book presents both the challenges and opportunities that exist for addressing the critical needs of black children, who have been historically underserved in the U.S. education system.

Early Childhood Education: Becoming a Professional is an inspiring introduction to the world of early childhood education, preparing the teachers of tomorrow to reach their full potential in their schools and communities. Written by a diverse and experienced author team (Kimberly A. Gordon Biddle, Ana Garcia-Navarez, Wanda J. Roundtree-Henderson, and Alicia Valero-Kerrick), this text engages readers to connect contemporary educational and developmental theory and research to developmentally appropriate practices and applications that are easily implemented in the classroom. In response to today's ever-changing educational environment, the text focuses on both the importance of taking personal and professional responsibility, as well as today's issues in diversity—from supporting children with exceptionalities to supporting children and families in broader cultural contexts.

This practical guide describes the critical need for advocacy in the field of early care and extols the ethical responsibilities of all early child educators, as outlined in the Code of Ethical Conduct (NAEYC 2005). Organized into three parts, the text begins with advocacy in the field of early childhood education, discusses how to develop an advocacy agenda, and concludes with becoming an advocate for life. Additionally, the author outlines six contexts for advocacy in the field of early childhood -- individual child and family, advocacy for the profession, program-based advocacy, private-sector advocacy, political activism, and advocacy in the global arena.

Academic Advocacy for Gifted Children

Big Conversations with Little Children

Developmental, Behaviorist, and Critical

Changing the Odds for Children at Risk: Seven Essential Principles of Educational Programs that Break the Cycle of Poverty

Learning Together with Young Children

Handbook of Research on Leadership and Advocacy for Children and Families in Rural Poverty

A Curriculum Framework for Reflective Teachers

Examines systemic issues contributing to inequities in early childhood, with ways faculty, teachers, administrators, and policymakers can work to disrupt them.

This book, which is addressed to early childhood educators, offers a call to action that focuses on the whys and hows of advocacy, and provides strategies for selecting issues, building support, and joining with other advocates. Chapter 1 discusses the need for early childhood advocates, contributions advocates can make to the decision-making process, targets for advocacy, means of understanding how public policies make a difference, and development of an advocacy style. Chapter 2 concerns selecting a problem, gathering facts, focusing a response, and preparing for action. Building support, the topic of chapter 3, is discussed in terms of encouraging parents to speak out, informing public officials, responding to legislation, influencing administrative decisions, testifying at hearings, becoming involved in political campaigns, talking with employers, and contacting the media. In chapter 4, discussion centers on joining with others to reach goals, a topic that is explored in terms of collaboration with other groups, means of working effectively with others, and ways to reach out to the community. Chapter 5 covers the process of increasing the number of advocates and building power. Numerous practical suggestions and profiles of advocates in action are provided throughout the text. Related materials, such as guidelines for developing legislation to create or expand programs for young children, are appended. (RH)

The long-awaited new edition of NAEYC’s book Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs is here, fully revised and updated! Since the first edition in 1987, it has been an essential resource for the early childhood education field. Early childhood educators have a professional responsibility to plan and implement intentional, developmentally appropriate learning experiences that promote the social and emotional development, physical development and health, cognitive development, and general learning competencies of each child served. But what is developmentally appropriate practice (DAP)? DAP is a framework designed to promote young children’s optimal learning and development through a strengths-based approach to joyful, engaged learning. As educators make decisions to support each child’s learning and development, they consider what they know about (1) commonality in children’s development and learning, (2) each child as an individual (within the context of their family and community), and (3) everything discernible about the social and cultural contexts for each child, each educator, and the program as a whole. This latest edition of the book is fully revised to underscore the critical role social and cultural contexts play in child development and learning, including new research about implicit bias and teachers’ own context and consideration of advances in neuroscience. Educators implement developmentally appropriate practice by recognizing the many assets all young children bring to the early learning program as individuals and as members of families and communities. They also develop an awareness of their own context. Building on each child’s strengths, educators design and implement learning settings to help each child achieve their full potential across all domains of development and across all content areas.

This book explores how teachers can navigate the complex process of managing change within the classroom. The chapters highlight the new challenges that have arisen with the emergence and introduction of educational technology as teachers find themselves having to be responsive to the needs and demands of multiple stakeholders. Traversing a range of conceptual, disciplinary and methodological boundaries, the editors and contributors investigate the tensions that impinge on research-based change and how to integrate directed changes into their education system and classroom. Subsequently, this volume argues that posing these questions leads to increased understanding of the possible long term effects of educational change, and how teachers can know whether their solutions are effective.

Schools, today, are in the midst of the most major, costly educational reform movement in their history as they grapple with the federal mandates to leave no children behind, says author Susan B. Neuman, former Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education under President George W. Bush. Although some efforts for investing resources will be substantially more productive than others, there is little evidence that, despite many heroic attempts to beat the odds, any of these efforts will close more than a fraction of the differences in achievement for poor minority children and their middleclass peers. As Neuman explains in this insightful, revealing book, schools will fail, not due to the soft bigotry of low expectations, but because there are multitudes of children growing up in circumstances that make them highly vulnerable. Children who come to school from dramatically unequal circumstances leave school with similarly unequal skills and abilities. In these pages, however, Neuman shows how the odds can be changed, how we can break the cycle of poverty and disadvantage for children at risk After laying the critical groundwork for the need for change—excessive waste with little effect—this book provides a vivid portrait of changing the odds for high-poverty children. Describing how previous reforms have missed the mark, it offers a framework based on seven essential principles for implementing more effective programs and policies. Building on successes while being fiscally responsible is a message that has been shown to have wide bipartisan appeal, embraced by both liberals and conservatives. Following Neuman’s essential principles, chapters describe programs for changing the odds for children, when the cognitive gaps are beginning to form, in these earliest years of their lives. In a highly readable style, Neuman highlights programs that are making a difference in children’s lives across the country, weaving together narratives that tell a compelling story of hope and promise for our most disadvantaged children.

Speaking Out

Families, Schools and Communities: Together for Young Children

Beginning Essentials in Early Childhood Education

A Guide for the Early Childhood Student or Professional

Making a Difference for Young Children and Families

Making the Case for Policy Investments in Families, Schools, and Communities

Preschool Teachers' Lives and Work focuses on preschool teachers as people, what they do, and how they are affected by what they do. Highly politicized and hotly debated, preschool today is increasingly focused on comparatively narrow views of school readiness and academic outcomes which are generally in opposition to the broader view of readiness proposed by NAEYC. This powerful book, based around interviews and data drawn primarily from Head Start programs, illustrates the profound humanity of this profession and underscores the pressing and insistent need for greater investments in teachers' well-being.

The primary strength of BEGINNINGS AND BEYOND: FOUNDATIONS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, 10th Edition, is its blend of simplicity and depth. In a clear and easy-to-understand style, the book lays out basic questions any student of early childhood education would want answered -- and presents key concepts, the latest research, and practical examples so that questions are thoroughly answered. Coverage of the current Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP) is woven throughout the text, as is material on diversity and development, which enables readers to understand that issues of age, gender, race/ethnicity, ability, and family are part of every aspect of teaching and learning. Every chapter has a feature focused on how brain-based research is connected to development, and another that highlights intentional teaching. Through its tone, visuals, and pedagogy, the book is accessible to and respectful of readers with a range of abilities and learning styles. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

In Informed Advocacy in Early Childhood Care and Education: Making a Difference for Young Children and Families the author outlines six contexts for advocacy in the field of early childhood education -- individual child and family, advocacy for the profession, program-based advocacy, private-sector advocacy, political activism, and advocacy in the global arena. This practical guide describes the critical need for advocacy in the field of early care and extols the ethical responsibilities of all early child educators, as outlined in the Code of Ethical Conduct (NAEYC 2005). Organized into three parts, the text begins with advocacy in the field of early childhood education, discusses how to develop an advocacy agenda, and concludes with becoming an advocate for life.Additionally, a wide range of advocacy activities are addressed, including: choosing effective strategies, networking, advocating for program changes from within, navigating and being effective in the political process, working with the private sector to bring about positive changes for children, developing and managing an advocacy agenda, and working with the media."

BEGINNING ESSENTIALS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, Third Edition, is a streamlined foundations textbook that introduces early childhood students to the field. This unique text is organized to answer four key questions: What is the field? Who is the child? Who is the teacher? and What is being taught? The four sections address the essentials of early childhood education, emphasizing multiculturalism and developmentally appropriate practice. New to this edition, “Teacher Talk” boxes are first-person accounts from teachers who reflect on their experiences in the classroom and provide valuable, applicable advice for those entering the profession. In addition, “Brain Research” boxes showcase some of the most important aspects of brain research and development today, connecting it to the classroom. Other features include special boxed material that highlights key issues related to standards, diversity, DAP, professionalism, and ethics. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Scientific Influences on Early Childhood Education offers a new framework for examining the diverse scientific perspectives that shape early childhood education. As the field takes on an increasing role in addressing children’s educational, developmental, and environmental needs, it is critical to more fully understand and appreciate the diverse scientific roots of contemporary early childhood education. This edited collection brings together leading researchers to explain and unpack perspectives that are not often associated with early childhood education, yet have made significant contributions to its development and evolution. Essential reading for anyone working with young children, this critical and insightful text illuminates the connections between our social values, science, and research in the field.

Curriculum for Young Children: An Introduction

Issues and Challenges of Immigration in Early Childhood in the USA

Advancing Equity and Embracing Diversity in Early Childhood Education: Elevating Voices and Actions

Early Childhood Advocacy

Informed Advocacy in Early Childhood Care and Education

Creating an Early Childhood Education Portfolio

Appraising the Relationship

This book challenges received wisdom and the tendency to reduce philosophical issues of value to purely technical issues of measurement and management.

This book presents basic introductory material on developing and managing curriculum for early childhood education. Designed as a resource for beginning students and as a reference manual for experienced teachers, the text presents focused, sequential coverage on curriculum for young children--excluding potentially confusing details ab

Discussions cover such important topics as similarities in existing approaches to early childhood education, how to meet children's needs through curriculum, and planning and organizing curriculum. The Second Edition features enhanced standards coverage, increased material on diversity and multiculturalism, video integration, new information and more. CURRICULUM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN also helps students and teachers assess the wealth of activity ideas available from other textbooks, resource manuals, and websites. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

A teacher's portfolio, like an artist's portfolio, is a continually growing document that reflects one's best work and professional development. CREATING AND PRESENTING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PORTFOLIO encourages and guides students through the process of organizing and creating a portfolio. This practical book is appropriate to serve as a bridge as they move from pre-service to in-service, and for practicing teachers wanting a professional development tool to showcase skills and accomplishments. It's divided into three sections, each of which focuses on an aspect of creating the portfolio. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description may not be available in the ebook version.

Provides early childhood teachers a framework for collaborating with children to create a dynamic, emergent curriculum.

This thoroughly up-to-date and completely accessible book uses a socio-historical perspective to examine the major curriculum models of early childhood education. It examines the approaches of Montessori, Developmental-Interaction, Direct Instruction, Kamii-DeVries, High-Scope, and Reggio Emilia curriculum. Comprehensive coverage looks at the impact on early childhood education, theoretical underpinnings, and current evaluations. For parents and teachers interested in early childhood education and curriculum.

Preschool Teachers' Lives and Work

The SAGE Encyclopedia of Contemporary Early Childhood Education

From Neurons to Neighborhoods

Critical Youth Studies

Addressing Questions, Worries, and Fears

A Step-by-Step Guide to Overcoming Goliath

Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth Through Age 8, Fourth Edition (Fully Revised and Updated)

Theories of Early Childhood Education provides a comprehensive introduction to the various theoretical perspectives influential in early childhood education, from developmental psychology to critical studies, Piaget to Freire. Expert chapter authors examine assumptions underpinning the use of theory in the early years and concisely explore the implications of these questions for policy and practice. Every chapter includes applications to practice that will assist students and professionals in seeing the relevance of the theoretical perspective for their teaching.

Based on new research, this book offers insights into the reality of immigration and its sociocultural impact with a focus on the experience of young children and their families coming to the USA. Wilma Robles-Melendez and Wayne Driscoll discuss immigration realities and their social and educational implications and review the current literature on studies and reports about immigration. They also provide insights and experiences of young immigrant children and their families with a focus on the USA and offer recommendations for early childhood practice for programs serving young immigrant children. The key subjects addressed include socially just practices, developmentally based programs, services for young children and families with diverse and cultural backgrounds. Immigration in the USA is discussed here as part of the global crisis in immigration and the lessons learned will be vital for educators, researchers and policy makers around the world.

Informed Advocacy in Early Childhood Care and Education Making a Difference for Young Children and Families Pearson

Be prepared to respond to a wide range of potentially tough questions and sensitive concerns posed by young children. To work with young children is to constantly expect the unexpected. Tough questions are part of early childhood educators' regular interactions with children and families. Based on children's actual questions, Big Conversations with Little Children is readily accessible with guidelines for having difficult conversations with children, individually or as a classroom or group, and with families. The book provides guidance on how to approach specific topics related to: family, such as unemployment, divorce, and incarceration illness and death, such as loss of an unborn child, major illness in a child, and death of a pet social issues, such as racism, family structures, and gender fluidity upheaval and violence, such as natural disaster, terror events, and school shootings Fully based in developmentally appropriate practice, Big Conversations with Little Children helps educators support young children in a way that preserves their dignity and innocence when they encounter world and social events in addition to honoring the family's preferred approach. An expert in the field of early childhood education, author Dr. Lauren Starnes empowers educators and families to answer sensitive or tough questions children pose, respond to their worries and concerns, and be prepared for an ongoing dialogue. Digital content includes family take-home information sheets for each topic.

Foundations and Best Practices in Early Childhood Education: History, Theories, and Approaches to Learning (3rd Edition)

Developing and Administering a Child Care and Education Program

Developing Your Portfolio - Enhancing Your Learning and Showing Your Stuff

Changing the World for Children

Eager to Learn

Languages of Evaluation

Foundations and Best Practices in Early Childhood Education: History, Theories, and Approaches to Learning (3rd Edition)

African American Children in Early Childhood Education

Six Steps to Successful Child Advocacy: Changing the World for Children (by Amy Conley Wright and Kenneth J. Jaffe) offers an interdisciplinary approach to child advocacy, nurturing key skills through a proven six-step process that has been used to train child advocates and create social change around the world. The approach is applicable for micro-advocacy for one child, mezzo-advocacy for a community or group of children, and macro-advocacy at a regional, national, or international level. This practical text offers skill-building activities and includes timely topics such as how to use social media for advocacy. Case studies of advocacy campaigns highlight applied approaches to advocacy across a range of issues, including child welfare, disability, early childhood, and education. Words of wisdom from noted child advocates from the U.S. and around the world, including a foreword from Dr. Jane Goodall, illustrate key concepts. Readers are guided through the process of developing a plan and tools for a real-life child advocacy campaign.

Formerly titled Empowering Gifted Minds: Educational Advocacy That Works, this double award-winning book is the definitive manual on gifted advocacy for gifted students. The author tells parents and teachers how to document a child's abilities to provide reasonable educational options year by year. This book provides imperative information on testing considerations, curriculum, successful programs, and planning your child's education. It is truly an essential guide.

How we raise young children is one of today's most highly personalized and sharply politicized issues, in part because each of us can claim some level of "expertise." The debate has intensified as discoveries about our development-in the womb and in the first months and years-have reached the popular media. How can we use our burgeoning knowledge to assure the well-being of all young children, for their own sake as well as for the sake of our nation? Drawing from new findings, this book presents important conclusions about nature-versus-nurture, the impact of being born into a working family, the effect of politics on programs for children, the costs and benefits of intervention, and other issues. The committee issues a series of challenges to decision makers regarding the quality of child care, issues of racial and ethnic diversity, the integration of children's cognitive and emotional development, and more. Authoritative yet accessible, From Neurons to Neighborhoods presents the evidence about "brain wiring" and how kids learn to speak, think, and regulate their behavior. It examines the effect of the climate-family, child care, community-within which the child grows.

For today's early childhood educator, change is a non-negotiable reality. While the size, force, and direction of change can often seem overwhelming, this book shows the way toward overcoming these gigantic odds or "Goliaths." The New Early Childhood Professional recounts some of the heroic stories and strategic approaches used by early childhood educators who participated in the CAYL Institute Fellowship programs. The authors share a specific framework with concrete steps to help educators become positive change makers in the field of early care and education. Complete with resources, tools, and questions for reflection, this handbook takes readers through four progressive paths toward becoming an architect of change: Analysis—When confronting seemingly insurmountable situations, instead of being overwhelmed, think and reflect about the situation and discover hidden insights. Advance—Better understand the nature of problems while also strengthening your vision and identity through planning and preparation. Act—Begin with everyday challenges and use what you know from every situation, in every interaction with a child, parent, peer, or administrator. Accelerate—Focus on what you want to change, gather allies, document, and communicate. "A talented leader is required to pull all the building blocks of quality together into a harmonious community. For this reason, The New Early Childhood Professional is a vital resource for both new and experienced early childhood leaders. . . . Readers, be prepared to be jolted out of your comfort zone. This book will challenge, inform, provoke, and inspire you." —From the Foreword by Roger and Bonnie Neugebauer, publishers of Exchange Magazine "In this book, Washington, Gadson, and Amel lay out a proven, intentional, strategic, and clear approach to effect change collectively and individually. A definite must-read." —Marta T. Rosa, Senior Executive Director, Department of Government and External Affairs, and Community Impact/Chief Diversity Officer "At a pivotal moment in early childhood education, the authors give us the tools to become agents of change on behalf of young children. This highly readable discussion leaves us with no more excuses." —Jacqueline Jones, executive director of the Foundation for Child Development in New York

Emphasizing the director's responsibility as a leader of both people and programs in diverse communities, DEVELOPING AND ADMINISTERING A CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM, Ninth Edition, covers the business and interpersonal skills child development professionals need to implement an effective program for young children and their families. It is written primarily for students of early childhood education whether or not they plan to work in the administrative aspects of the field. The book is also a rich source of updated information for practicing directors. In this thoroughly updated edition, the authors provide practical information on all aspects of directing a program, including curriculum selection; funding; budgeting; selecting, training, and supervising staff; housing the program and purchasing equipment; working with children and parents; accrediting and licensing an early childhood center; and carrying out program evaluation and quality improvement strategies. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

A Parent's Complete Guide

What You Need to Lead an Early Childhood Program

Seven Essential Principles of Educational Programs that Break the Cycle of Poverty

From Diverse Perspectives to Common Practices

The Science of Early Childhood Development

Stories and Studies from the Field

Becoming a Professional

Guides directors through the steps to build respectful, welcoming relationships with families and staff.

Clearly babies come into the world remarkably receptive to its wonders. Their alertness to sights, sounds, and even abstract concepts makes them inquisitive explorers--and learners--every waking minute. Well before formal schooling begins, children's early experiences lay the foundations for their later social behavior, emotional regulation, and literacy. Yet, for a variety of reasons, far too little attention is given to the quality of these crucial years. Outmoded theories, outdated facts, and undersized budgets all play a part in the uneven quality of early childhood programs throughout our country. What will it take to provide better early education and care for our children between the ages of two and five? Eager to Learn explores this crucial question, synthesizing the newest research findings on how young children learn and the impact of early learning. Key discoveries in how young children learn are reviewed in language accessible to parents as well as educators: findings about the interplay of biology and environment, variations in learning among individuals and children from different social and economic groups, and the importance of health, safety, nutrition and interpersonal warmth to early learning. Perhaps most significant, the book documents how very early in life learning really begins. Valuable conclusions and recommendations are presented in the areas of the teacher-child relationship, the organization and content of curriculum, meeting the needs of those children most at risk of school failure, teacher preparation, assessment of teaching and learning, and more. The book discusses: Evidence for competing theories, models, and approaches in the field and a hard look at some day-to-day practices and activities generally used in preschool. The role of the teacher, the importance of peer interactions, and other relationships in the child's life. Learning needs of minority children, children with disabilities, and other special groups.

Approaches to assessing young children's learning for the purposes of policy decisions, diagnosis of educational difficulties, and instructional planning. Preparation and continuing development of teachers. Eager to Learn presents a comprehensive, coherent picture of early childhood learning, along with a clear path toward improving this important stage of life for all children. Computers and mobile technologies have become widely adopted as sought-after tools in the field of education. The prevalence of technology in early childhood education (ECE) is increasing, and teachers, both pre-service and in-service, are using best practices to integrate tools effectively to improve teaching and learning within the field. This includes settings such as childcare centers, family childcare, and community programs that have both educators and administrators adapting to the use of technology. Therefore, it has become critical to research and explore the best practices of technology integration and successful strategies to improve the use of technology in ECE. The Handbook of Research on Empowering Early Childhood Educators With Technology examines best practices that focus specifically on those that facilitate the development of competencies in teaching young children (birth to age 8) and technology integration. The chapters include information on the foundations of technology in early childhood education, content-specific technology applications, developmentally appropriate practices (DAP) for learners using technology, and how to meet diverse learner needs with technology. The target audience for this book is early childhood professionals, teacher educators, pre- and in-service teachers in early childhood settings, faculty and researchers in the field of education, instructional technologists, childcare and elementary school administrators, early education policy organizations, and advocacy groups that are interested in the best practices and successful strategies for implementing technology in ECE.

Written expressly for early childhood educators, and those who support their professional development, this handbook distills essential knowledge about how to help all PreK-3 learners succeed. Leading experts describe doable ways to create effective learning environments and implement instructional practices with a strong evidence base. Engaging vignettes illustrate discussions of such topics as differentiated instruction, response to intervention, the Common Core standards, social and emotional learning, assessment, and teaching across the curriculum. Each chapter links cutting-edge research to practical applications, examples, and professional development activities.

Portfolios have often been used as a way for teachers to monitor and assess their students' progress, but this book picks up on the current trend of using portfolios to assess teachers themselves as part of their degree requirements. As a professional development tool, portfolios are also useful for classroom teachers in evaluating their practice, and in showcasing their skills and accomplishments for use in interviews. Veteran teacher educators Marianne Jones and Marilyn Shelton provide practical and comprehensive guidance specific to the needs of pre- and in-service teachers of young children. This thoroughly revised and updated new edition features: A flexible and friendly approach that guides students at varying levels of experience through the portfolio process. New material on the portfolio planning stage and additional coverage on the importance of developing a personal philosophy. A companion website with additional instructor materials such as printable templates, exercises for improving portfolio skills, and more. Both theoretical and practical, the book addresses issues and mechanics related to process and product, instruction and guidance techniques, the role of reflection, and assessment strategies. With concrete examples, rubrics, tips, and exercises, this book will provide a step-by-step guide to creating a professional teaching portfolio.

Emotional Intelligence in Practice

Handbook of Research-Based Practice in Early Education

Six Steps to Successful Child Advocacy

Supporting Play in Early Childhood: Environment, Curriculum, Assessment

Handbook of Research on Empowering Early Childhood Educators With Technology

Scientific Influences on Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education

Early childhood educators are keenly aware of the importance of a child's transition to "real school." This transition is occurring earlier in a child's life now that school districts nationwide are moving to pre-kindergarten experiences for 3- and 4-year olds. Annually, more than one million children attend public school pre-k programs overseen by elementary school principals who, although veteran educational leaders, were not trained to oversee these programs. Although pre-k classrooms are rapidly growing and deserve special attention, school leaders must be reminded that early childhood means more than pre-kindergarten; it extends through third grade. School leadership needs to understand the principles of early childhood education to effectively support all children age three to grade three. Professional and Ethical Consideration for Early Childhood Leaders is a collection of innovative research that crafts an overall understanding of the importance of early childhood leadership in today's schools. The book employs strategies to improve support for children in early childhood years, examines the different roles of early childhood leadership, analyzes best practices for implementation in early childhood contexts, and explores improvements for leadership preparation for schools with pre-k through third-grade children. While highlighting a wide range of topics including advocacy, cultural responses, and professional development, this publication is ideally designed for educators, administrators, principals, early childhood development teachers, daycare instructors, curriculum developers, advocates, researchers, academicians, and students.

Professional and Ethical Consideration for Early Childhood Leaders

A Canadian Focus

Beyond Quality in Early Childhood Education and Care

Love Waves

Beginnings & Beyond: Foundations in Early Childhood Education