



Horizons In Learning

Workshop Description

School Readiness & Engaging Young Learners Best Practices are the Best Foundation

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Part 1: School Readiness and Best Practices

Constant will help us examine and clarify our roles as educators and educational professionals to prepare children for school and helping schools receive and meet the needs of young children. We will identify our concerns and challenges about using 'best practices' for young children while also meeting the demands of families, schools, and the new Washington State Early Learning and Developmental Benchmarks.

Part 2: Engaging Young Learners To Ensure Successful Learning & Successful Schools

Teachers must play a variety of roles to ensure children's success. In this seminar we will focus on the teacher's role in early childhood classrooms and teaching strategies that are based on current research and best practices. Constant will introduce five key Five Program Elements (SPADE) through which teacher's can plan, implement, review to increase program quality and ensure successful learning for young children in all content areas including social emotional development. These Program Elements are **S**upportive Interactions with Children, **P**artnerships With Families, **A**ctivities and Experiences, **D**aily Program and **E**nvironment

Practical strategies will be presented for implementing best practices for each Key Element. There will also be an opportunity for professionals to share successful strategies for addressing and overcoming barriers and challenges to bridging school readiness with best practices that engage young children to ensure successful learning. Our real challenge is to ensure that children are successful, because when children are successful then schools are successful.