

Inquiry Approaches to Learning in PreK

Course Description: Inquiry Approaches are built on fundamental belief in the competence of children to think, wonder, imagine and create. Acknowledging children's competence fosters essential Habits of Mind, which are foundational for school achievement and life-long learning. This 2-day session explores beliefs about children, the implications of the beliefs, and strategies to align beliefs with learning environments and practices, engaging young learners and illuminating their capability and strength. Participants will explore inquiry-based practices with hands-on activities, considering how these powerful practices support learning for a diversity of children. They will reflect on the features of high quality, inquiry-inspired environments, making plans to apply those features to their own early learning environments. Finally, participants will generate strategies to boost inquiry in their own work settings.