



# 2019 Fall Early Childhood Conference “Prescription for Play”

Friday, October 18, 2019

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Shaarei Tikvah Synagogue

46 Fox Meadow Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583



## ***Keynote Address — Rick Ellis, MSED “PLAY: IT’S NOT A FOUR-LETTER WORD!”***

The keynote will address why it’s not only fine for children to learn through play but that they **MUST** do so in order to become individuals! We will hear about what constitutes appropriate play and learn some of the key factors that educators need to be able to do in order to define this precious time in a child’s life!

Rick Ellis, MSED teaches at Continuing Professional Studies at Bank Street College and has been involved in the fields of early childhood and elementary education for 33 years. He has taught infants through nine-year-olds and has also worked as a teaching coach/unit leader, mentor, administrator, and instructional computer coordinator. Mr. Ellis was trained in Reggio-Emilia, Italy. He recently worked for the NJ State Department of Early Childhood Education in creating the core curriculum standards.

***Receive 3.75 hours of training for  
the keynote and one breakout session  
Breakfast / Registration from 8:30—9:00 am***

**Registration Fee: *Includes breakfast and conference materials***

**CCCW member or NAEYC member - \$35**

**Non-member - \$50**

**Registration by Friday, October 11**

***This conference is eligible for EIP & CSEA funding***

***Funding Provided by Westchester County Office for Women***

Questions? Please contact Carmelita Bota at  
carmelitab@cccwny.org or 914-761-3456 x 134

***See page 3 for registration form.***

**After Keynote Breakout Sessions - 11:00 am—1:00 pm**  
**Please indicate a first and second choice when registering.**

**Infant Toddler**

**Session A: Messy Play with Babies!**

**Jen Longley & Jen Gilken, Assistant Professors - Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC)-CUNY**

This participatory, interactive workshop will introduce attendees to five developmentally appropriate play activities that can be used with infants in classroom settings. Participants will have the opportunity to play with the materials!

**Session B: Facilitating Playful Learning for Infants and Toddlers**

**Sori Palacio, Adjunct Professor - BMCC-CUNY & Assistant Director - BMCC-CUNY Early Childhood Center**

We will see how play for young children can serve as a natural way for them to learn regardless of their different abilities.

**Session C: Infant and Toddler Play: How Play Can Create Social Emotional Competence**

**Dr. Gloria Pope, Executive Director - CAG-Mt. Vernon WestCOP**

This session will focus on social emotional growth through play for infants and toddlers. We will look at strategies to use in classrooms and the importance of developmental milestones.

**Preschool**

**Session D: Innovative Thinking in the Early Childhood Classroom**

**Sasha Wilson, Associate Director - Montclare Children's School, NYC**

How do we inspire, motivate and prepare students for the future? We will explore design thinking as an innovative process that will help children problem solve and encourage children to think outside the box.

**Session E: Knee-High Nature: Study and Explore**

**Marissa Close, Assistant Director - The Nature of Things**

Children begin to investigate their world with a sense of wonder and love for its creatures and its beauties. We will explore ways that teachers can develop good questioning skills and techniques about the natural world and how children can appreciate and protect it.

**Session F: Play: What is it Good For?**

**Vicki L. Messina, Special Education Teacher**

Discover the POWER of observing children at play and how what you learn will help you to better understand the children. Learn how observing play can lead you to better planning.

**All Ages**

**Session G: Oh Those Boys!**

**Rick Ellis, MEd, Keynote presenter**

Schools have traditionally been designed for female learning. Sadly, boys more than girls end up disliking school and are misunderstood by many teachers. We'll look at the differences between boy and girl learning today as well as talk about practical applications that teachers can begin doing to accommodate boys.

**Session H: Creating Playful Gender Expansive Culture in Early Childhood Communities**

**Wendy Cole, Executive Director & Jennifer Smith, Program Director - The Maple Street School, Brooklyn**

We will talk about rituals, surprises and doing activities including button making, making magic wands and more that are about self expression, being who you are, belonging and inclusion.

**Session I: Best Practices in Recognizing the Typical and Atypical Child in Your Classroom**

**Betty Jane Bullen, Executive Director - Castleton Hill Moravian Church Preschool & Christine Madaio DiStasio - Special Education Consultant**

We will focus on helping families look for guidance and support in identifying the most appropriate environment for their child and how to create that environment while matching the child's developmental stage and learning potential.



**Register ONLINE at ChildCareWestchester.org**

**Or FAX a paper registration form to 914-885-1110**

**FOR NAEYC MEMBERS OR CSEA SUPPORT - PAPER REGISTRATION ONLY**

**The Conference is Eligible for EIP and CSEA Funding!**

**If paying by check, mail completed registration form to:  
Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc., 313 Central Park Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583**

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

### **2019 Fall Early Childhood Conference**

*If multiple staff members are registering, please submit one form per person.*

Registrant \_\_\_\_\_ Program Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Program name \_\_\_\_\_ Program E-Mail\* \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Registrant email\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration cannot be processed without registrant information including registrant's email.**

**\*E-mail address is required for registration confirmation.**

#### **I WORK WITH -**

**Infants/Toddlers \_\_\_\_\_ Preschoolers \_\_\_\_\_ 0-5 (Family/Group Family) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please indicate a 1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ of breakout session.**

**Please find the description of the sessions on the previous page.**

**Sessions: A, B, C: For Infants & Toddlers**

**Sessions: D, E, F: For Preschool**

**Sessions: G, H, I: For All Ages (Infants, Toddlers, & Preschoolers)**

## **Registration Fees and Payment**

**Registration Deadline - Friday, October 11**

**CCCW Member OR NAEYC Member \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \$50 \_\_\_\_\_**

**CCCW Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ NAEYC Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_**

**Payment method: \_\_\_\_\_ Check (payable to the Child Care Council of Westchester) \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ EIP \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ CSEA \_\_\_\_\_**

**For credit card payment, Name as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_**

**I am paying by: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express**

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**Sorry but no refunds will be given.**

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