Creative LEARNING INCUBATOR

Community Connections for Children



Challenging behavior is often a child's way of communicating an unmet need or emotion. In the busy world of early childhood education, decoding these messages can feel daunting. This training invites Preschool & School Age educators to shift their mindset—from problem-solver to curious observer—and to embrace the power of open-ended art and loose parts play as a pathway for understanding behavior.

What to Expect:

Over the course of 12 weeks, participants will be guided through a hands-on implementation journey that begins with foundational professional development and continues with classroom-based exploration—both indoors and outdoors. Educators will learn how to intentionally create environments that support self-expression, reduce behavioral challenges, and nurture holistic development.

- A 12-week guided implementation plan through Padlette
- Weekly reflection prompts and photo documentation; no required weekly meetings.
- Optional Q&A and support sessions offered 3 times throughout the incubator.
- A final educator-created toolkit of strategies and materials
- Increased capacity to engage children and families in meaningful, creative play experiences
- A start-up materials kit will be provided
- 24 PQAS hours (if all requirements met)



Dates & Details:

- Kick off Professional Development Session (required): Wed., 9/24, 1-2:30 p.m.
- *Optional Check In #1: Wed., 10/8, 1-2 p.m.
- *Optional Check In #2: Wed., 11/5, 1-2 p.m.
- *Optional Check in #3: Wed., 12/3, 1-2 p.m.
- Wrap Up Session (required): Wed., 12/17, 1-2 p.m.

*You must attend at minimum ONE optional check in meeting.

By the end of the incubator, participants will feel confident in using loose parts and process-based art as powerful tools for communication and growth—transforming behaviors into opportunities for connection and learning.

Register Here by September 19