Purpose:
To foster a strong network of early learning educators that can support each other in providing child-centered, play-based, engaging and rigorous experiences for pre-k and kindergarten children.

Description:
Spend two full days learning, sharing and thinking critically about your practices to support children as thinkers and learners. A focus will be on how to balance what you know about how young children learn best and the expectations of the world of education today, including state and local requirements. You will work on building relationships and collaborating with early learning professionals in your region to foster a strong network of colleagues who can support each other in providing child-centered, play-based, engaging and rigorous experiences for young children. You will spend time together learning, discussing, laughing, playing, pondering, reflecting, sharing and engaging in a variety of interactive experiences to help solidify your understanding of child development and current brain research. You will reflect on how these understandings impact your instructional practices and the learning environment you provide for young children. Be prepared to walk away with new strategies for supporting the development of learning standards through a variety of contexts, including play-based and appropriately challenging learning center experiences and how to articulate what is best for Pre-K and Kindergarten learners. You can expect to have serious fun and leave with a renewed commitment and energy for providing and advocating for the best possible learning environments for young children.

Presented by North Carolina Early Learning Educators:
• Lee Messer, M.A.Ed.
• Eva C Phillips, Ed.D.
• Amy Scrinzi, Ed.D.
• Marylee Sease, M.A.Ed.
• Revisiting the Foundation of Learning
• Making the Most of Circle Time

• We Are All Working on Something: Building Classroom Community Without Behavior Charts
• Cultivating Math Thinkers and Problem Solvers
• Making Smart Book Choices: Using Powerful Literature with Children
• The Happy Talent of Dramatic Play
• Building and Engineering with Blocks
• Bringing Creativity Back to the Classroom

Sessions are aligned with NC Early Learning and Development Standards, NC Kindergarten Standard Course of Study and the NC Professional Teaching Standards

REGISTRATION: NON-REFUNDABLE
$250/person
Deadline to Register: June 5, 2020

4 Dates and Locations: Registrants Select One Location
Day One: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (Registration from 8:30 am – 9:00 am)
Day Two: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

June 23 – 24, 2020
Pitt Community College
Pitt County Schools Early College High School
2065 Warren Drive
Winterville, NC 28590

July 14 – 15, 2020
A-B Technical Community College
Ferguson Center for Allied Health and Workforce Development
10 Genevieve Circle
Asheville, NC

June 30 – July 1, 2020
Catawba Valley Community College
Main Campus - West Wing Commons
2550 Highway 70 SE
Hickory, NC 28602

July 23 – 24, 2020
Central Piedmont Community College
Harris 1
3210 CPCC Harris Campus Drive
Charlotte, NC 28208

Lunch on your own. Snacks and Session Handouts provided.
Optional Virtual Follow Up Opportunities Offered for those who would like continued connection.

Documentation to use for Public School CEUs and approved Child Care training hours will be provided to those completing the training.