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His Highness the Aga Khan
Inauguration Ceremony of the Aga Khan Academy Kilindini
19th December, 2003 – Kizingo, Mombasa

"As the young men and women from this Aga Khan Academy, and over time from its sister schools, grow and assume leadership in their societies, it is my hope that it will be members of this new generation who, driven by their own wide knowledge and inspiration, will change their societies; that they will gradually replace many of the external forces that appear, and sometimes seek, to control our destinies. These young men and women, I am sure, will become leaders in the governments and the institutions of civil society in their own countries, in international organizations and in all those institutions, academic, economic and artistic that create positive change in our world. It is my strongest hope that you who carry on the great mission of teaching them will take pride in the confident, resilient minds that you have nurtured".

Opening Ceremony
https://the.akdn/en/resources-media/resources/speeches/inauguration-ceremony-aga-khan-academy-kilindini-his-highness-the-aga-khan
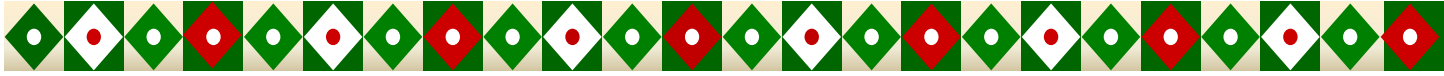
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AKDN The Learning Hub

Aga Khan Foundation's Learning Hub is an online learning platform for international development practitioners, civil society organisations and their networks who are working towards a better world.

Themes
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Civil Society Strengthening
Climate Resilience
Early Childhood Development
Education
Health and Nutrition
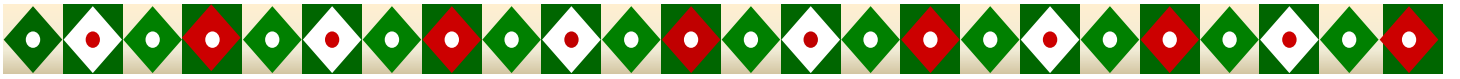Work and Enterprise

Register for the free course
https://akflearninghub.org/all-content-page/?postType=sfwd-courses

Early Childhood Educator

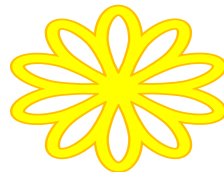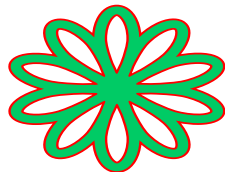https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/healthy-living/handwashing

SAVE THE DATE – February 2023

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February 17 – Random Acts of Kindness Day
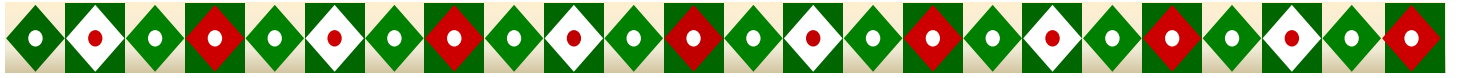https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/
https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/pre-k-lesson-plans

February 21st – International Mother Language Day
https://www.un.org/en/observances/mother-language-day
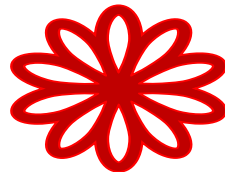
Early Childhood Conferences

Conferences in 2023

International Conference on Educational Environment and Early Childhood Education
February 20-21, 2023 in Washington, United States
International Conference on Educational Environment and Early Childhood Education aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers, and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Educational Environment and Early Childhood Education.
https://waset.org/educational-environment-and-early-childhood-enducation-conference-in-february-2023-in-washington

National Training Institute on Effective Practices
April 11-14, 2023 - Tampa, Florida
The National Training Institute on Effective Practices aims to provide professionals with an in-depth, intensive learning experience around the Pyramid Model framework.
https://challengingbehavior.org/training/conference/
https://nti.cbcs.usf.edu/

National Institute on Infant and Early Mental Health
April 26-28, 2023 – Toronto, Ontario
The National Institute on Infant and Early Mental Health invites practitioners, researchers and communities to submit proposals.
https://imhpromotion.ca/Learning-Centre/National-Institute
https://web.cvent.com/event/8563a0cf-01e2-4d7e-933d-78bcfaee1703/summary?RefId=2023EH_Home

NEW   National Virtual Conference 2023
The Time is Now: Leadership and Advocacy
April 26-28, 2023
The conference offers opportunities to attend workshop sessions relevant to your complex role, network with professionals who relate to your trials and triumphs and gain inspiration from dynamic specialists in our field.
https://mccormickcenter.nl.edu/leadership-connections-national-conference-2023/

Conferences in 2023-2024

International Conference on Early Childhood Education
May 20-21, 2023 - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
The conference aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers, and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results.
https://waset.org/early-childhood-education-and-effective-designing-instructions-conference-in-may-2023-in-vancouver

NEW ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE-2 Virtual Comprehensive Institutes
June 20-21, 2023
Attend a virtual **Comprehensive ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE-2 Institute** from the comfort of your own home or office and learn everything you need to know how to use ASQ in your early childhood setting. Whether you are using Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ®-3), or Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ®:SE-2), this training is for you.
https://brookespublishing.com/asq-3-and-asqse-2-virtual-comprehensive-institutes/

NAEYC Annual Conference
Nashville, TN — November 15-18, 2023
Anaheim, CA — November 6-9, 2024
https://www.naeyc.org/events/future-dates

Division of Early Childhood's 38th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and their Families
November 28–December 1, 2023, Minneapolis, MN
More information will be coming in 2023
https://www.decconference.org/

World Forum on Early Care and Education
April 16-19, 2024 - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Join early childhood professionals and advocates from around the world who will assemble in work to impact the futures of young children and families.
https://worldforumfoundation.org/2024-event/

Conferences in 2024

NEW   International Childhood Trauma Conference
4 August – 9 August 2024
Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
More information will be coming in 2023
https://childtraumaconf.org/2024-conference-update/

NEW   Division of Early Childhood's 39th Annual International Conference
on Young Children with Special Needs and their Families
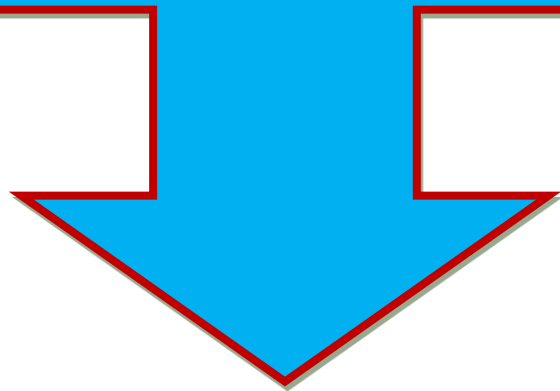**September 17–20, 2024, New Orleans, LA**
More information will be coming in 2024
https://www.decconference.org/

Online Learning for Early Childhood Educators

Certificate in Early Education Leadership
The Saul Zaentz Early Education Initiative – Harvard Graduate School of Education
The Certificate in Early Education Leadership (CEEL) is a first-of-its-kind, job-embedded, online program that provides early education leaders with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to strengthen learning environments and foster quality improvement in all early education settings.
https://zaentz.gse.harvard.edu/programs/certificate-in-early-education-leadership/

(COST)   Online Mindful Parenting Course
The online course offers a practical and approachable guide to integrating mindfulness into parenting. Through journaling and physical exercises, the instructor guides her students through a clearer understanding of their current experience of parenthood, what has shaped it, and how mindfulness can influence the adventure.
https://childlight.teachable.com/p/mindful-parenting

(Cost) High Scope
Online courses are designed to cover a wide variety of topics, learning takes place within an interactive community of teachers, caregivers, and trainers.
https://secure.highscope.org/ecom/categorypage/2f2972a3-af36-45c1-af7f-35f260538532

(COST)   Shift-it-Coach – Graphic Facilitation Training
The Fundamentals of Working visually teaches the four main approaches: Graphic Facilitation, Graphic Coaching, Graphic Recording and Studio Work. In this fun and interactive training, you'll learn foundational theory and the skills of working visually.
https://www.shift-it-coach.com/training/fundamentals/

(No Cost) Math At Home – Eight Course Online Curriculum
Professional Development Series for Early Childhood Educators
This eight-course online curriculum introduces teachers and caregivers to mathematical concepts such as math literacy, number sense, patterns, geometry, measurement, data collection and math processes. Each lesson also includes tips on setting up a math-enriched environment, as well as animations, interviews with math experts, videos of children and teachers in classroom settings and links to the Math at Home website.
https://mathathome.earlymathcounts.org/early-math-matters/
Create an account to register: http://www.earlylearning.online/login/index.php

NEW   Online Learning for Early Childhood Educators

(Cost)   Positive Schools Online
The Positive Schools Online service will offer evidence based, very affordable, convenient and highly meaningful learning for educators and school communities.
http://www.positiveschools.online/

(Cost)   Administration of Early Childhood Programs
This interactive course acquaints participants with critical elements in establishing and operating a childcare center. It will explore state regulations, staff relationships business practices, parent communication and community relationships.
https://earlychildhoodprofessionaldevelopment.com/course/administration-of-early-childhood-programs-winter-2020-copy/

(Cost)   Institute of Child Psychology
The Institute of Child Psychology is offering courses on anxiety, trauma, emotional regulation, grief and loss and much more. More information through the link below.
https://instituteofchildpsychology.com/product-category/online-webinars-and-courses/

(Cost) Self-Compassion for Educators – Online Program
Mindful Schools is offering a 6-week training is designed for educators to dive into the *research*, *practice*, and *experience* of self-compassion. Enhance your well-being and revitalize your deep motivation for helping others
https://www.mindfulschools.org/
https://www.mindfulschools.org/training/self-compassion-for-educators/

(Cost) Outdoor Classrooms
Online Courses for Outdoor Classrooms
A variety of topics for outdoors
https://www.outdoor-classrooms.com/courses/

(No Cost) Cox Campus
Early Childhood Video Based Courses
Sign up and you can access the modules free of charge
https://app.coxcampus.org/#!/courses/categories
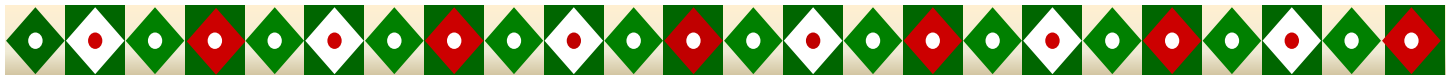
(COST) Early Childhood and Autism Spectrum Online Course
Friend 2 Friend Social Learning Society's Early Childhood and the Autism Spectrum is a professional development workshop or online course, specially designed for Early Childhood Educators and parents of young children with and without autism ages 3 to 7. Using real-life case studies, video instruction and interactive activities, this course is designed to support participants to gain a better understanding of the peer play and friendship needs of young children with autism.
https://www.friend2friendsociety.org/early-childhood-and-the-autism-spectrum/

Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Family Literacy
Our program is designed to help you understand the key components of family literacy including:
● how to understand children's language and literacy development and support academic success
● how the role of adult education relates to adult learners' needs and their roles as caregivers, workers, and community members
● how to strengthen and enhance parents' knowledge of their roles and responsibilities as their children's first teachers
https://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates/family-literacy-certificate/overview

(NO COST) CMAS Online Learning
List of Online Tutorials, Webinars and e-Courses
♠ The Importance of Early Identification
♠ Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention
♠ Separation Anxiety and Culture Shock
♠ Working with Newcomer Families
Free training: You can start the course through the link below:
https://cmascanada.ca/cnc/learning-centre/online-learning-centre/

(COST) (Newly Courses Added) Online ePyramid Modules
Infant Toddler ePyramid Module Package
Preschool ePyramid Module Package
Birth – Five ePyramid Module Package
Trauma Informed Care and Pyramid Model
Wellness: Taking Care of Yourself
http://www.pyramidmodel.org/services/online-training/

NEW   Online Learning for Early Childhood Educators

(No Cost)   Emerging Minds Online Courses
The National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health offers innovative online courses specifically designed to support your practice. Our courses are innovative, interactive, engaging, free and contain invaluable practical demonstrations to help you put learning into practice. Register to create a free account.
https://emergingminds.com.au/training/online-training/

(Cost) Pyramid Model Recorded Webinars
A series of recorded webinars available to view for educators and practitioners
https://challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu/training/Webinar/archive/
https://challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu/resources/index.html

(Cost) Mindstretchers - Resources and Online Courses
Floorbooks, Floorbooks and the Brain, Risk it, Nature Pedagogy and more......
http://www.mindstretchers.co.uk/
http://www.claire-warden.com/online-courses-and-webinars/

(Cost) Online Course - Finding Calm in the Chaos
Weekly coaching sessions that will focus on managing our emotional reactivity in response to the world around us.
https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/products/finding-calm-in-the-chaos-lewtl


(COST) MindBE curriculum
The MindBE curriculum is a researched based programme designed to reduce stress in both teachers and students, create calmer, more focussed classrooms, develop self-regulation skills and allow children to become kinder, more empathetic and caring. The 30-lesson programme incorporates printable puppets and resources to teach children the skills of mindfulness.
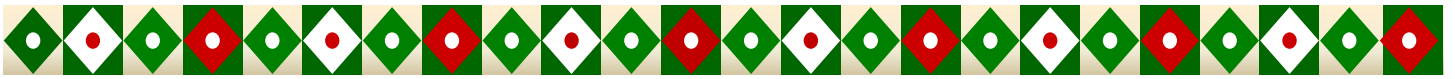https://mindbe.org/mindbe-curriculum
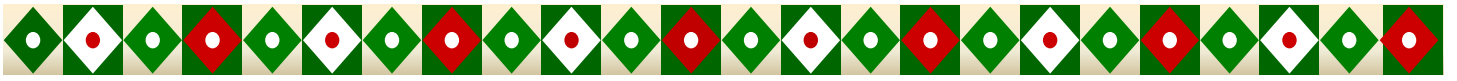
Early Childhood Websites for Educators, Families and Administrators
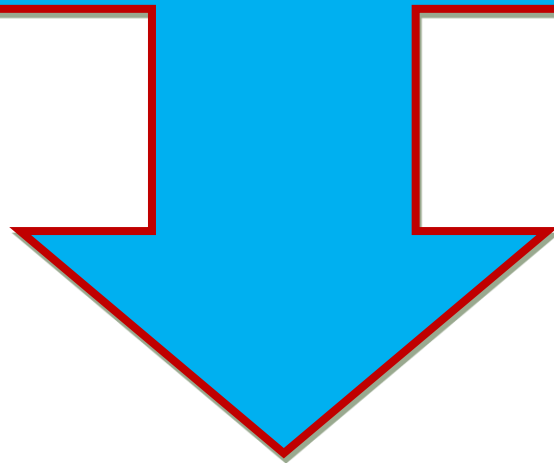
Refugee Resources for Educators, Families and Leaders

A Program Guide for Welcoming Young Children and Their Families
Caring for Syrian Refugee Children will provide you with the knowledge and tools you need to better understand and respond to the unique experiences and needs of Syrian refugee children.
• information on the Syrian culture;
• information on the refugee experience, the effects of trauma and culture shock and how to respond to them;
• practical tip sheets designed to easily print out and share with your team
https://cmascanada.ca/2015/12/12/caring-for-syrian-refugee-children-a-program-guide-for-welcoming-young-children-and-their-families/

Grief and Trauma Websites

NEW   When Someone a Child Loves Dies
Whether the loss of a loved one was expected or sudden, it can feel overwhelming to talk to a child about grief. In this brochure, we share suggestions for talking with a child about loss, listening to their feelings, and looking ahead to what comes next. Remember that your love and presence is the best thing to help them through this time.
https://www.fredrogersinstitute.org/resources/when-someone-a-child-loves-dies

Child Wellness
Fred Rogers Institute offer resources to encourage and support children and caregivers on a variety of issues related to child wellness.
https://www.fredrogersinstitute.org/child-wellness

Coronavirus Websites

NEW   Coronavirus Books in Different Languages
- Story of the Oyster and the Butterfly
- The Coronavirus Helping Box

Help children understand the Coronavirus and COVID-19. Download free.
https://www.anagomez.org/covid-19-resources/

Anti-Bias, Diversity, Bilingualism, Language, Peace & Pluralism

NEW   Amazeworks Enterprise
Transformation Happens When People Belong
When you create the conditions for belonging, you increase visibility for those who are not often seen. You give permission for people in your workplace to talk about tough topics without fear of retribution. You create hope for organizational change.

- *Cross-Culture Competency is Yours to Discover*
- *Understanding Leads to Less Conflict and Healthier Communication*
- *Listen, Learn and Leverage*
- *A Strong Tool for Building Culture Strength*

https://dev-nekacreative-001a.com/amazeworks-enterprise/
https://dev-nekacreative-001a.com/amazeworks-enterprise/assessment/

NEW   Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Diversity in Early Care and Education
The tip sheets and resources will help teachers support students from racially, ethnically, and religiously diverse backgrounds.
https://illinoisearlylearning.org/reslists/diversity/

NEW   Child Life Medical Resources

NEW   (COST) Child Life on Call – Professional Development Courses
Child Life on Call has tools and solutions on empower every child and family facing medical uncertainties.
https://childlifeoncall.thinkific.com/
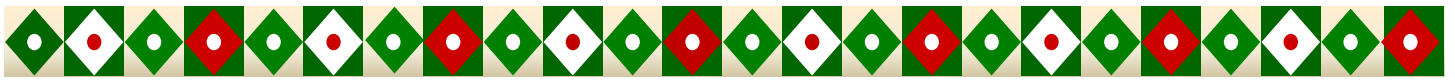https://childlifeoncall.com/books-and-resources/

Exploration of the natural world begins in early childhood, flourishes in middle childhood, and continues in adolescence as a pleasure and a source of strength for social action.

David Sobel

Early Childhood Websites for Educators

NEW   Eastern Connecticut State University Classroom Environment Videos
Young children are affected by their surroundings. The following features of the classroom environment all influence the teaching and learning process:
● Use of space
● Furnishings
● Materials
● The daily schedule
● How adults communicate rules and expectations
The videos and resources will provide ideas and guidance on intentionally preparing the learning environment to help support healthy development.
https://www.easternct.edu/center-for-early-childhood-education/teaching-strategies/classroom-environment.html

NEW   Food Allery Education for Early Childhood Professionals
STOP, LOOK, ASK GO **FREE** online training for all adults working with young children in any setting. It provides necessary information, strategies, and resources to address food allergies in early childhood spaces. Register for an account to enroll in the course.

NEW   SELFIEforTeachers Toolkit
The SELFIEforTEACHERS toolkit is a guide for self-reflection tool. It describes what SELFIEforTEACHERS is, presents the design principles behind it, explains how to use it, and provides insights into how it can support teachers' professional learning.
https://education.ec.europa.eu/document/selfie-for-teachers-toolkit
https://education.ec.europa.eu/news/selfie-for-teachers-reaches-over-100000-users

Blocked Care: You are not alone, it's a brain thing
In this virtual session, the speaker will explore how the stressful experience of caring for a child who has experienced trauma can result in "Block Care". Blocked Care closely mirrors the child's state of blocked trust. Blocked Care happens almost instinctively as a way of protecting oneself from a child's trauma which making it hard to create attuned interactions.
https://cetc.org.au/training/blocked-care-you-are-not-alone-its-a-brain-thing/

Early Childhood Websites for Families

NEW **Science Daily News**
Getting Kids Outdoors can Reduce the Negative Effects of Screen Time
Researchers find that reducing the negative effects of screen time on little minds might be as simple as encouraging kids to play outside.
https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/01/230123123247.htm

Infant-Toddler Websites

Planning for Infants and Toddlers – Routines and Schedules
How do you develop a daily schedule for a group of infants and toddlers who are each on their own timetable? This is an important question because infants and toddlers have not yet developed the ability to manage their own feelings and behavior. For infant and toddler care teachers, creating a daily schedule that is based on responsive care routines makes good sense.
https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/infant-toddler-resource-guide/individualized-care-routines-and-daily-schedules

> Consistent routines, activities that happen at about the same time and in about the same way each day, provide comfort and a sense of safety to young children. Whether it is time to play, time for a snack, a nap, or a loved one to return, knowing what will happen next gives babies and toddlers security and emotional stability.
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> **—Zero To Three (2010, p. 2)**
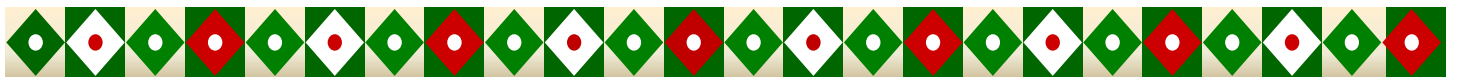
Preschool Websites

Math at Your Fingertips: Songs and Fingerplays for Preschoolers
Do you remember enjoying fingerplay songs like 5 Little Monkeys or Un Elefante Se Balanceaba when you were young? You may not have realized that sharing these songs and fingerplays for preschoolers is a great way to bring math to life. When we use fingerplays, we help our children's mathematical understanding
https://earlymath.erikson.edu/math-at-your-fingertips-songs-and-fingerplays-for-preschoolers/

Kindergarten and School Age Websites

Promise for Children
Kindergarten Here I Come! is an activity guide that helps you prepare your child for Kindergarten. Download the activity guide free.
https://papromiseforchildren.com/kindergarten-here-i-come/

NEW   Mental Health Resources for Schools, Parents and Caregivers
Explore all resources designed to assist schools, education, staff, parents, children and young people look after their mental health.
https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/programmes/families-children-and-young-people/resources

NEW   Balancing our Minds
The Balancing our Minds Inspiring Action Toolkit aims to support youth wanting to make changes for improved mental health and well-being in their schools and communities. Topics to explore:
- Start advocating for change for mental well-being.
- Create a safe space.
- Inspire change through storytelling.
- Start a mental health event, club or initiative.
- Start a conversation about mental health.

https://balancingourminds.ca/
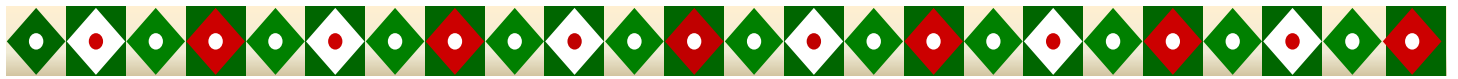
Early Childhood Websites for Administrators

Onward Cultivating Emotional Resilience
Downloadable Tools
Below are a collection of PDFs presented in the book " *Onward: Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators* and *The Onward Workbook"* and provided here for download for free.
https://www.onwardthebook.com/downloadable-tools/

(No Cost) The Silver Rule: Appreciating Others Using Love Languages
This course includes 7 modules introducing the "The Silver Rule and the Five Love Languages". The Silver Rule is "Give unto others the way they want to receive" and the love languages are helpful ways to learn how to appreciate and express love for other in their primary love language. Ideas and suggestions are offered for children and adults in school, work and family settings. A downloadable handout is provided.
https://constanthine.podia.com/the-silver-rule-appreciating-others-using-love-languages

**NEW   Transforming Virtual ECE Workshops**
A variety of workshops to choose from. Register online for the workshop of your choice.
https://www.transformece.com/upcoming-live-virtual-workshops

"Creativity becomes more visible when adults try to be more attentive to the cognitive processes of children than to the results they achieve in various fields of doing and understanding."

- *Loris Malaguzzi*
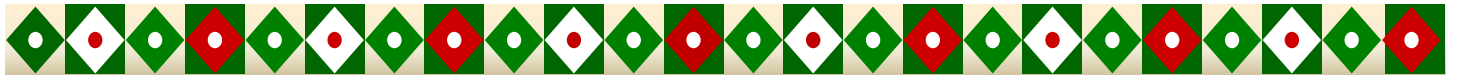
Research in Early Childhood

NEW   **Center of Developing Child – Harvard University**
Exploring the Impact of Climate Change on Early Childhood Development
"How Will Climate Change Impact Early Care and Education Systems?" As one of four panelists, Corey shared insights from the latest science around early childhood, which can help us understand how the effects of climate change represent a growing source of adversity for young children's development, as well as how we can leverage that science to inform the design of early childhood systems taking climate resilience into account.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oeCm9-3uxuw&t=138s

(NO COST) Early Childhood Webinars

Sing and Sign: Supporting Emerging Language through Music, Sign Language and Play
Date: February 16, 2023
Teaching hearing children to sign is an extension of the types of nonverbal communication they already use to get your attention, including facial expression, gesturing, making noise, crawling, toddling toward an object of desire, and more. Focusing on communication has never been more important given lost opportunities during the pandemic.

Magic Moments: Active Problem Solving with Young Children
Date: February 22, 2023
Every problem, large or small, is an opportunity for young children to learn and grow. From spilled glue to a conflict in the block corner, problems are an unlimited natural resource generated inside our own classrooms.

Essential Elements of Leading a Nature-based Early Childhood Program
Date: February 23, 2023
It's finally happening: Early education program leaders around the world are becoming more enthusiastic and enlightened about the benefits of nature-based programs. Many programs are beginning to jump in wholeheartedly but find shifting the culture of their organizations as well as the practice of individual teachers is incredibly challenging.

Register:
https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/

Forest and Outdoor Environment

Project Tree Learning Canada Worksheets
View our free eco-education worksheets and activities to connect the children in your life to the outdoors. Each worksheet asks questions to support critical thinking and provides one or more activities for you and the children to complete together.
https://pltcanada.org/en/environmental-education/

Forest Literacy Framework
Forest Literacy Framework translates the language of forests and sustainable forest management into concepts for everyone. The framework offers 100 forest concepts for Grades K-12, organized into four themes:
- *What is a forest?*
- *Why do forests matter?*
- *How do we sustain our forests?*
- *What is our responsibility to forests?*

Download the framework free through the link below.
https://pltcanada.org/en/forest-literacy/

Important Note

Please note **AKDN ECD Resource Update** with compiled information will be emailed to you at the end of each month. If you have any questions regarding the above resources or are looking for a specific resource, please do not hesitate to contact me, Naznin Salwa A. Dhanani, ECE, ITE, FRP. at 786kidzzone@gmail.com

The next 115th AKDN ECD Resource Update will be emailed on February 28th, 2023

Global Centre for Pluralism
https://www.pluralism.ca/
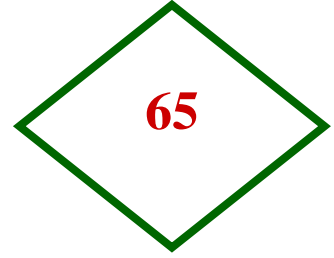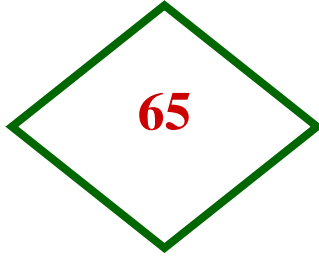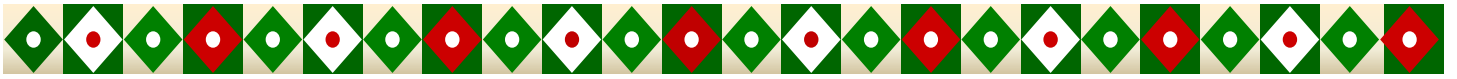
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Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development

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Institute of Ismaili Studies
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Aga Khan Park
Aga Khan Gardens
The Global Centre for Pluralism
Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture
Aga Khan Award for Architecture
The Aga Khan Music Initiative
Ismaili Jamatkhana & Centres