Early childhood education and care in New Zealand: What have we done right and what are we doing wrong for young children and families?

Details

Where:

Toronto

University of Toronto OISE 252 Bloor Street West 12th Floor, Nexus Lounge

Come to the University of Toronto to hear Linda Mitchell speak about;

- A contextual portrait of the New Zealand approach to early childhood education, including the impact of Te Whāriki curriculum framework
- Public policies in New Zealand regarding families and early childhood education
- Advocacy initiatives that have led to public policies (levers of influence)

Linda Mitchell, Associate Professor and Director of the Early Years Research Centre at The University of Waikato, New Zealand

Linda Mitchell is currently completing a four year project on participation of disadvantaged children in early childhood education. Linda has researched widely on early childhood education policy, and is a critic of the marketization and commercialisation of education, and the impact on children, families and early childhood services. Other current areas of her research are in assessment, culturally responsive pedagogy, and connections with parents, families and community. A main interest is in democratic policies and practices in early childhood education. Her background as a union leader has given Linda unique experience and insight into collective advocacy influencing policy.

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