

Teaching in the Neighborhood

March/ April 2023

A monthly dose of teaching ideas, updates, and inspiration for teachers across the Neighborhood
EBSOC, Ellis Early Learning, Epiphany Early Learning, Horizons for Homeless Children, Nurtury

Upcoming Workshops and Opportunities

- The April **Reflective Practice Workshop** will be held on Friday, April 21st from 9-10:30am. We will be discussing Supporting Young Children's Well Being.
- Hungry for more PD? **Seed and Sew** is hosting its **FREE S.E.E.D.** summit April 10-12, featuring 15 PD hours across 18 workshops. For more information visit: <https://www.seedandsew.org/summit>
- Parenting While Black 2023: A series of conversations hosted by Brazelton Touchpoints Center - visit <https://www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/family-talk/parenting-while-black-2023/> for more information and to register

Moving from "No, thank you" to Specific and Positive Redirection

TEACHER TALK!

Setting children up for success in meeting our expectations is an important and challenging part of our work as early childhood educators. We can support them in learning important skills such as turn-taking, listening, respecting body boundaries, and keeping themselves safe through **specific and positive redirection**.

Specific and positive redirection is telling children exactly the behavior you expect them to do, NOT what you don't want them to do. For example, "Sit down here" instead of "Don't do that" or "No, thank you!" This is important because:

- it tells children how to meet your expectations
- it gives children specific language for getting their own needs met
- it supports positive relationship building
- it empowers teachers to say "yes" more than "no"



Uniting the Neighborhood: Strengthening Connections and Learning Together

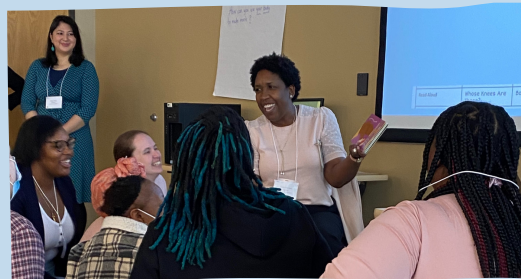


Our Inaugural Professional Development Day!

Thank you to each of you for making our time together spectacular! Over 250 of you joined us for a day of learning and reflection at the BHCC Chelsea Campus. From curriculum and planning to anti-bias education and loose parts play, educators dove deeply into growing and strengthening their practice. We can't wait to continue building on the relationships and skills that make early childhood education excellent!



**"Super interesting and great presenters!
-Educator -EBSOC**



**"I had a great day and enjoyed learning with other educators like myself"
-Educator- HHC**



**"Great options of sessions to choose from!"
-Educator- Epiphany**



Do you have ideas to share with the Neighborhood?

Share your ideas with us: pthompson@neighborhoodvillages.org