



The Importance of Play in Student Learning and Development

Educational Focus on: How Centers Impact Student Learning. Experts from a daycare and from a preschool will share how they built the centers to engage student learning. Students will connect the presentation to their classroom learning and can use the information shared to build their own learning center.

Service Area:

Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Services

Audience:

Early Childhood Classes

State Standards Covered:

- 1.1 Analyze career paths within human service industries. (related to education)
- 2.2 Demonstrate transferable knowledge, attitudes, and technical and employability skills in school, community and workplace settings..
- 13.0 Integrate knowledge, skills, and practices required for careers in early childhood, education, and services.

Event:

- Pre-Recorded:
 - Video of a Center (when no children are present), **one at a daycare** and **one at a preschool** (held in a public school)
 - Teacher/Employee will record the video or voiceover images of the center, identifying name of center, purpose for learning, and why children enjoy it.
 - Play Videos followed by short discussion from educator or administrator at location
 - Students could be challenged to create a similar center or develop their own using some of the skills/purposes/content learned in the session in conjunction with content learned in the classroom.

Possible Assessment Used:

FCS Educators: Use the curriculum from The Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences-Principles of Education and Training.