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TECHNOLOGY AND INTERACTIVE MEDIA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Advances in technology and interactive media rapidly are transforming how we communicate and use information in our homes, offices, and early childhood settings. There are advocates for exposing early learners to technology in the classroom and there are those that may oppose the use of technology in early learning settings. Instead of eliminating exposure, the National Center for Early and Young Children (NAEYC) and the Erickson Institute Technology in Early Childhood Center encourages the effective use of technology in the early childhood classroom. The NAEYC advances the following key messages in their 2012 joint position statement with the Fred Rogers Center:

1. When used intentionally and appropriately, technology and interactive media are effective tools to support learning and development.
2. Intentional use requires early childhood teachers and administrators to have information and resources regarding the nature of these tools and the implications of their use with children.
3. Limitations on the use of technology and media are important.
4. Special considerations must be given to the use of technology with infants and toddlers.
5. Attention to digital citizenship and equitable access is essential.
6. Ongoing research and professional development are needed.

Early childhood educators must identify the most effective uses of technology and use the materials to maximize learning for all children.

Access the NAEYC/Fred Rogers Position Statement –

https://www.naeyc.org/sites/default/files/globally-shared/downloads/PDFs/resources/topics/PS_technology_WEB.pdf



Introducing Bee Bots to dads and preschoolers at CAHSD Head Start in Miami, Florida.



JOIN US ON MYPEERS!

HSSCO and FHSA encourage all HS/EHS staff to sign up for the myPeers information sharing platform. Click the link to sign up! <http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-2230355/My-Peers>

After you register and receive the login email, sign on and join us in the **FL HS-EHS Community!**

HSSCO AND FHSA LAUNCH NEW WEBSITES

Help us spread the news by inviting your friends, families and colleagues to visit the new websites – links below!

HSSCO

www.floridaearlylearning.com/statewide-initiatives/head-start

FHSA

<https://www.flheadstart.org/>



UPCOMING EVENTS:

FLAAYC

September 6-8, 2018

Orlando, Florida

Visit the website at

<https://flaeyc.org/annual/> for more information!

Region IV Early Head Start Institute

September 17-20, 2018

Atlanta, Georgia

Visit the website at

<https://www.rivhsa.org/home.html> for more information!

FHSA Sponsored Governance Training

October 30-31, 2018

Visit the website at

<https://www.flheadstart.org/specialty-workshops> for more information!

NEW FLORIDA EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

Standards and benchmarks reflect the knowledge and skills that a child on a developmental progression should know and be able to do at the end of an age-related timeframe. In 2017, the Office of Early Learning (OEL) convened a group of national and state early learning content experts to review current standards and recommend revisions to ensure that standards are rich, interactive and lead to better preparation for children based on current research to support high-quality standards. *The Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards – Birth to Kindergarten (2017)* were adopted by the State Board of Education in December, 2017.

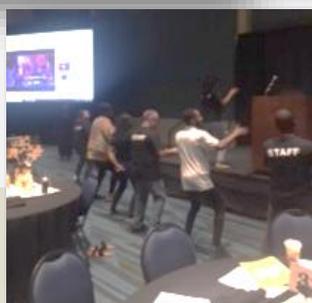
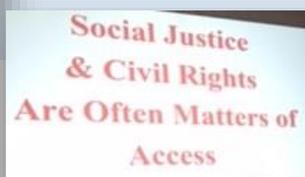
The revised standards address eight early learning and developmental domains reflecting a child's expected age-appropriate progress – physical development, approaches to learning, social and emotional development, language and literacy, mathematical thinking, scientific inquiry, social studies and creative expression through the arts.

New Standards Trainings Now Available!

Access the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards and resources at <http://flbt5.floridaearlylearning.com/>

SITE VISITS

The HSSCO Director had the privilege of attending the LSF West Palm Beach Head Start's Preservice where Dr. Walter Gilliam, PhD, Executive Director for the Edward Zigler Center in Childhood Development & Social Policy presented on the racial inequities related to challenging behaviors and expulsion.



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