



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

The Professional Development Department sends online evaluations at the end of each training and an annual need assessment is conducted every year, asking for input to inform our PD system. We have received many requests from administrators to provide more courses related to their role in Early Care and Education. We responded to this need by developing and offering an advanced workshop called, "Leadership".

THE COURSE DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Directors and administrators who are able to distinguish between leadership and management tend to be more successful in business and staff development. Topics in this workshop include characteristics and essential qualities of being a successful leader, what leadership looks like in early childhood, and aspects of team building and strategic planning.

This is a major topic of discussion in all the publications for Early Care and Education and in business.

One of our Master Instructors, Linda Chantler, recently read the book Leaders Open Doors by Bill Treasurer, published in 2014 by ASTD Press. She shared with us at a recent staff meeting that she was drawn to the book by the Preface where Bill describes a conversation with his 5 year old son who was excited to share that his job at school was to be the "leader". Bill asked him what he got to do in this job and his son answered, "I got to open doors for people!" Bill realizes what a profound statement his child has made and has written a book about the qualities of good leadership.

This course gives administrators a chance to reflect on their leadership.

What doors are you opening for your staff and families?

This course is available in each county. Check out our online calendar [here](#) and register today!