Licensed Child Care Supervisors' Network 25th February 2022

Notes

Welcome and Introductions

-Participants introduced themselves and shared what they are working on in their programs and what they are looking forward to.

Mindfulness Moment

-Labyrinth exercise-please see attached Roman Labyrinth. Trace the labyrinth with your finger into the middle, pause and take 3 deep breaths, leave your worries and stressor in the middle, then retrace your way back out using your finger. This can be used in your program with educators and children.

Promoting team building, boosting moral and educator wellness

-Participants had an opportunity to engage virtually in the following

-Bingo card-attached

-Lightening Scavenger hunt

-Pictionary-draw a rock, camera, mountains, turtle, bell, frog

-Spot the difference-what item was removed

Brainstorming-the following were discussed

-Having difficult conversations with staff-the Fall ECCDC new supervisors' series was highlighted. Hanen resources attached-transferable strategies.

-Staff recruitment difficulties and the impact of Covid on practicum experiences for new grads-the new to ECE network highlighted. Highlighted the joint Niagara College and ECCDC proposal ECE training grants for tuition and travel through https://ecegrants.on.ca/ Difficulties with accreditation for out of province and country ECE qualified staff. CCCF, Coalition for better child care, AECEO advocating for sector. ECCDC coaching and mentoring team can support educators with mentoring new grads

Sharing photos and learning stories

-None shared

Questions and Connections

-Autism training

-Moving away from theme refresher-ECCDC coaching and mentoring can attend team meetings to support programs. This comes free with ECCDC membership https://eccdc.org/

ECCDC Resources and Services Available-please see PPT

Upcoming Network Meetings-will be virtual for the spring. Look out for spring E-blast for dates

Next Steps-Follow-up email and notes posted on the ECCDC website https://eccdc.org/professional-learning/networks/