



**Preschool Curriculum Decision Making:
Exploring Key Curriculum Models and Reviewing the Evidence-Base**

Princeton University
October 30, 2009

Conference Agenda

8:00 -8:30 Coffee

8:30-8:45 **Welcome and Introductions** – Dodds Auditorium

Lisa Markman-Pithers, Acting Director, Education Research Section
Ellen Wolock, Director, New Jersey’s Office of Preschool Education

8:45-9:30 **Curriculum Decision-making**

Ellen Frede, Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research

9:30 -9:45 Break

9:45-11:00 **Session 1:** Choose a curriculum model. *(Speakers Listed on Back)*

	Creative	Curiosity	High/Scope	Owl	Pyramid	Tools
Location	Dodds	Room 020	Room 010	Room 029	Room 035	Room 023

11:00- 11:15 Break

11:15-12:30 **Session 2:** Choose a curriculum model. *(Speakers Listed on Back)*

	Creative	Curiosity	High/Scope	Owl	Pyramid	Tools
Location	Room 023	Room 020	Dodds	Room 029	Room 035	Room 010

12:30 -1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 2:45 **Session 3:** Choose a curriculum model. *(Speakers Listed on Back)*

	Creative	Curiosity	High/Scope	Owl	Pyramid	Tools
Location	Room 010	Room 020	Room 023	Room 029	Room 035	Dodds

2:45 - 3:00 Break

3:00 – 3:45 **Panel Discussion** *(Speakers Listed on Back)* - Dodds Auditorium

3:45-4:00 Closing Remarks

Curriculum Models Speakers

The HighScope Early Childhood Education Model

Larry Schweinhart, *President, HighScope Educational Research Foundation*

The Pyramid Approach: Broadening and Deepening Young Children's Learning

Cheryl Gibson Smith, *Early Learning Specialist, Pyramid Learning Studio*

Fostering Early Literacy, Vocabulary and Conceptual Learning with Opening the World of Learning (OWL)

David Dickinson, *Professor, Vanderbilt University's Peabody College*

Teaching Strategies' *Creative Curriculum for Preschool*: Opening Doors for Teachers, Children and Families

Diane Trister Dodge, *Founder and President, Teaching Strategies, Inc.*

Curiosity Corner: Helping All Children Get Ready for School.

Bette Chambers, *University of York & Johns Hopkins University*

Tools of the Mind: A Vygotskian Approach to Early Childhood Education

Deborah J. Leong, *Professor Emerita of Psychology, Metropolitan State College of Denver*

Elena Bodrova, *Principal Researcher, McREL*

Panel Speakers

The HighScope Early Childhood Education Model

Practitioner: Amy Goerl, *Director of Early Childhood, Keansburg, NJ*

The Pyramid Approach: Broadening and Deepening Young Children's Learning

Practitioner: Danny Darby, *Curriculum Coordinator, Lannette L. Suttles Child Development Center, Georgia State University*

Fostering Early Literacy, Vocabulary and Conceptual Learning with Opening the World of Learning (OWL)

Practitioner: Sue Reed, *Director, Maine Roads to Quality & Early Reading First, Cutler Institute for Child & Family Policy, University of Southern Maine*

Teaching Strategies' *Creative Curriculum for Preschool*: Opening Doors for Teachers, Children and Families

Practitioner: Claire Punda, *Retired Early Childhood Supervisor for Millville's Abbott Preschool Program: Child Family Center*

Curiosity Corner: Helping All Children Get Ready for School.

Practitioner: Rosiland Franklin-Peterson, *East Orange School District*

Tools of the Mind: A Vygotskian Approach to Early Childhood Education

Practitioner: Danielle Yamello, *Master Teacher in Red Bank, NJ*

