



Professional Training and Resources

***"The most important thing children need to thrive is to live in an environment of relationships that begins in their family and extends out to the adults in schools and the community."* Shonkoff, J.P.**

During our years of working directly with young children, we have met adults (school educators or family members) who have shown little interest or no interest in what, why and how the arts will activate children's learning and development. This led us to think about what we could do and should do to strengthen the capacity of everyone who interacts with children for we have come to realize that what children need most, is for that environment of relationships to be invested to ensure their overall well-being. As such, we have decided to set up a TLC Professional Training and Resources division to work closely with preschool educators and parents, offering customized training in the arts for schools and a variety of practical workshops for parents.

TLC has conducted numerous trainings through National Arts Council (NAC), SEED Institute, Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) as well as customized professional development workshops for teachers and parents of preschool organizations. In the recent months, we have also collaborated with professional Teaching Artists from Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts (USA) to jointly develop and deliver an arts integrated workshop for local preschool teachers and teaching artists.

What we offer to preschool educators:

For early childhood educators, our aim is to provide teachers with the understanding (and instill appreciation) of the value of Creative Drama in the early childhood settings. They will discover how they can take on a more active role in planning and facilitating a variety of dramatic play scenarios in their classrooms. Importantly, teachers will learn how to ignite and expand children's imagination to spark meaningful explorations of the NEL 6 learning domains (Language & Literacy, Numeracy, Discovery of the World, Motor Skills Development, Aesthetics and Creative Expression, Social-Emotional Development) by using simple drama strategies such as the 'Teacher in-role' (TiR) technique.

- An Introductory Workshop to Planning and Facilitating Arts Experience with Young Children
- Promoting Young Children's Creativity, Narrative Competence and Social-Emotional Competence by Combining Play, Drama and Picture Books
- Planning and Facilitating an Integrated Arts (Drama, Music & Movement and Visual Arts) Experience with Young Children
- Drama for Learning – The Use of Drama in The Early Years Curriculum
- Instilling A Love for Language Through Drama (ECDA)

What we provide to the parents:

For parents, our workshops aim to equip them with strategies such as story dramatization, story reflection and story improvisation, to enhance children's deeper learning and understanding of the text.

- Stepping Stones to Story Drama & Role-Play for Young Children

If you would like to know more about our trainings and/ or any customized workshops that can add value to your organization, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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