

Session #12

Early Childhood Summit 2013 Health and Safety in Child Care Valora Washington and Tucker Levy

There are six protective factors for early care and education programs. These Protective Factors as the foundation for building skills and assets. Thinking about health and safety issues:

1. What are the real life challenges of implementing/providing this integrated framework for all children in different settings (i.e. family child care; centers etc)?
2. What are barriers to success?
 - Programmatic
 - Operational
 - Cultural
 - Other
3. What are best practices to bring Protective Factors into reality
 - Bringing the outside into the educational environment
 - How can we build community and partnerships to better ensure child health and safety?
 - Taking the educational environment outside
 - Connecting with families in other contexts
 - Balancing the demands of innovation with predictable and consistent environments consistent with safety and quality.
 - Aligning educator's practice with administrative policy and approach
 - Professional Development
 - Cultural expectations and organizational structure