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Curriculum Adoption Resources

National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning The Head Start Early Childhood Learning & knowledge Center has a Curriculum Consumer Report https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/curriculum

Instructional Materials Center A list of reviewed curriculums are available and rated, although the list is limited in the preschool arena. https://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/imc

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Resources for Best Practices

The National Institute for Early Education Research, NIEER conducts academic research to inform policy supporting high-quality, early education for all young children promoting the physical, cognitive and social development needed for children to succeed in school and later life. NIEER provides independent, research-based analysis and technical assistance to policymakers, journalists, researchers, and educators. www.nieer.org

Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth Through Age 8, Third Edition A resource to best practices for professionals in the early childcare field. https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/books/developmentally-appropriate-practice-early-childhood-programs-serving-children

Division for Early Childhood, The Division for Early Childhood (DEC) promotes policies and advances evidence-based practices that support families and enhance the optimal development of young children (0-8) who have or are at risk for developmental delays and disabilities. https://www.dec-sped.org/

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Early Childhood Webinars, Early Childhood Investigations is an ongoing series of conference-quality free webinars for early childhood educators. The series is produced by Fran S. Simon, M.Ed., Chief Engagement Officer of Engagement Strategies, LLC. These engaging webinars are presented by many of the thought-leaders and experts in the field of early care and education. The webinars explore critical topics that offer new ideas and insights to early childhood professionals, especially administrators. https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com

High Leverage Practices in Special Education (Birth to 5) In partnership with the Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability and Reform (CEEDAR), the Council for Exceptional Children has developed a set of High Leverage Practices (HLPs) for special educators and teacher candidates. The HLPs are organized around four aspects of practice: collaboration, assessment, social/emotional/behavioral, and instruction. https://highleveragepractices.org/

Technology Integration

Triple E Framework. A framework for educators to measure how well technology tools integrated into lessons are helping students engage in, enhance and extend learning goals. https://www.tripleeframework.com/

UPSTART (Utah Preparing Students Today for a Rewarding Tomorrow), provided by Waterford, Project established by the Utah State Legislature that uses a home-based education technology approach to develop the school readiness skills of preschool children. https://www.waterfordupstart.org/

Reading Rockets, A national multimedia project offering information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help. https://www.readingrockets.org/research

https://www.readingrockets.org/audience/professionals/preschool

Recommended Reading

NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Early Learning Program Accreditation Standards and Assessment Items This document contains a list of 10 national standards outlined to educate young children. The combination of the 10 standards provide a definition of quality serving children from birth to kindergarten. https://www.naeyc.org/sites/default/files/globally-shared/downloads/PDFs/accreditation/early-learning/standards_and_assessment_web_1.pdf

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The Early Advantage: Early Childhood Systems That Lead by Example & The Early Advantage: Building Systems that Work for Young Children These books look at what is happening in early childhood education on an international level as they examine six diverse countries. The impact of early childhood education is on the rise and these books address how these countries have provided quality education and care in those diverse countries.
https://www.tcpress.com/the-early-advantage-1-9780807759417
https://www.tcpress.com/the-early-advantage-2%E2%80%94building-systems-that-work-for-young-children-9780807761298

Developing Early Literacy, Report of the National Early Literacy Panel This book looks at reading research and early literacy skills. It identifies children's skills and links them to later outcome in literacy. Later chapters include the impact of a few intervention models, home programs, and preschool programs for young children and their literacy skills.
https://lincs.ed.gov/publications/pdf/NELPReport09.pdf

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics advocates for high-quality mathematics teaching and learning for each and every student.
https://www.nctm.org/

Videos of High-Quality Instruction

The Teaching Channel. A collection of teacher videos, strategies and lesson plans.
https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos

Utah Education Network, Preschool Pioneer Library Provides books, resources, videos, calendars, tips, and opportunities for preschool age students, families, and educators.
https://preschool.uen.org/