



Early Years Institute Award to Play-Educators of 2010 Application

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The mission of The Early Years Institute (EYI): *To be a catalyst for new ideas, partnerships and resources that ensure all children have what they need to succeed and to expand the public will to increase investments in young children.*

The **EYI Award to the Play-Educators of 2010** recognizes candidates' commitment to and incorporation of play in their daily practice as early childhood educators.

How to apply:

- Candidates should be early childhood educators and providers working in child care centers, Head Start programs, pre-K programs, nursery schools, and family and group/family child care homes that are fully compliant with local and state regulations governing their type of program.
- Candidates should have worked in their current setting for a minimum of two (2) years.
- Candidates should be working as paid, full-time (minimum of 32 hours per week) early childhood teachers or providers.
- Candidates can self-nominate.
- Candidates are requested to provide one letter of support from a supervisor or parent.
- Entire submission should be no longer than two (2) pages. Be sure to include your name, address, email and phone contact information on your entry.
- Applications are due by October 15, 2010.

Please answer the following:

1. Share your personal definition of play:
2. Explain at least two (2) ways you incorporate indoor or outdoor play into your program on a regular basis each day.
3. Describe the most unique or innovative thing you've done to provide a play experience for the children in your program and that had the children most engaged. Please include the goals, materials, and process [*we need this detail to re-tell your story*].
4. How do you currently explain to parents and co-workers the value of play in your program?
5. Can we share your play innovation on our website or in our published materials? Yes No
6. Can we include your name and the name of your center? Yes No
6. Will you be able to attend the conference on December 3, 2010 in the morning?
(As a winner, you will receive a free registration to the conference) Yes No

Be sure to include your name, address, email and phone contact information on your entry and mail it to: *The Early Years Institute, attn: Peggy Kennedy, One Dupont Street, Suite 101, Plainview, NY 11803.* You may also e-mail the application as an attachment to pkennedy@eyi.org.