

Play & Learn: Committed to Providing an Enriching Educational Environment

Play & Learn, a non-profit early childhood education center in Montgomery County is continually embracing new methods of training, learning and teaching and encouraging their Directors to do the same. When the opportunity to participate in The Mind in the Making program was presented, Directors from the Blue Bell, Bryn Mawr, Collegeville, Green Lane, Hatboro and Lansdale Play & Learn Centers were eager to participate.

The Mind in the Making program is a 6 month course that includes 12 modules or training sessions offered by the Family & Work Institute and taught by an instructor from the Montgomery Early Learning Center in Narberth. Each module focuses on a different area of a child's growth and development. The modules provide hands-on experience, using the best research on how young children learn best. Modules consist of topics such as *Teachers Make a Difference*, *Relationships Are Essential* and *How Learning Begins*.

Once the Learning Modules were completed, the Directors became certified to train their own staff members in the program. Play & Learn staff members have begun learning the 12 Modules and will continue throughout the summer. Parents were also excited about the new program. A parent from the Bryn Mawr Play & Learn commented, "I am happy to hear of your staff's enthusiasm and willingness to explore ways to enhance their teaching methods and the quality of their relationships with their students."

Play & Learn offers convenient, affordable, flexible child care for children six weeks to age 10 at ten locations. For more information on Play & Learn, our programs and locations, call (215) 643-4142, (610) 489-9598 or visit www.playandlearn.com.

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