

## **Essential Principles for Learning**

- *Affect is central to all learning. Affective reciprocity allows children to find meaning and symbolize experience.*
- *The continuous flow of interactions allows child to become intentional and capable of generalizing and abstracting.*
- *Provide long periods of spontaneous floor time to obtain engagement, initiation, and multiple circles of communication in high affect states.*
- *Get children to think and problem solve. Reach towards higher levels of symbolic thinking and abstraction within wider range of emotions.*
- *Individual differences and variations in learning styles are expected.*
- *Recognize sensory processing and regulatory challenges within all interactions and learning.*
- *The child has to bring different processing skills across modalities to learn. Challenge all capacities.*
- *The child must apply their thinking to multiple contexts.*
- *Keep activities experience based and meaningful. Make learning dynamic. Be flexible and seize opportunities for spontaneous learning.*
- *Work at the child's developmental level. Do not skip over basic foundation capacities for shared attention, engagement, intentionality...*
- *Group activities should meet the needs of children at different levels. Follow the group's lead!*
- *Relationships and pleasurable interactions are essential for learning to be meaningful.*