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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF PRESCHOOL TEACHERS THROUGH TRAINING

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ABSTRACT: The significance of professional development cannot be overstated in its contribution to the enrichment of knowledge, skills, and expertise among preschool educators, hence positively impacting the overall quality of early childhood education. This thesis examines the importance of training programs in the professional growth of preschool educators and emphasizes the essential components that contribute to successful training endeavors.

KEY WORDS: professional development, needs assessment, research-based practices, experiential learning, collaboration, networking, personalized development.

INTRODUCTION: Preschool educators bear the responsibility of establishing a loving and intellectually engaging educational setting that facilitates the comprehensive growth and development of young children. Continuous professional development (CPD) is a crucial aspect of enhancing teachers' abilities to effectively address the changing requirements of their pupils. This is achieved through participation in various training programs, which provide educators with essential tools, techniques, and valuable insights. Effective training programs prioritize multiple facets, encompassing pedagogical strategies, curriculum development, instructional methodologies, assessment modalities, and classroom administration.

Several critical features describe quality training programs for preschool teachers. The programs are grounded in research, utilizing evidence-based techniques and incorporating the most recent advancements in the field of early childhood education. This strategy guarantees that educators obtain pertinent and contemporary material that is consistent with prevailing educational norms and optimal methodologies.

Additionally, training programs integrate interactive and immersive learning possibilities. Active learning strategies such as hands-on exercises, role-playing, case studies, and collaborative discussions facilitate the active involvement of teachers in the subject matter, allowing them to use newly acquired knowledge and skills in a

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practical setting. Experiential learning opportunities of this nature facilitate a more profound comprehension of concepts and augment the pedagogical proficiency of educators in their instructional practices.

In addition, it is worth noting that excellent training efforts offer continuous assistance and mentorship. Subsequent sessions, coaching interventions, and provisions for introspection and constructive criticism empower educators to enhance their pedagogical approaches and effectively tackle particular obstacles they may face. This form of assistance cultivates a climate of ongoing enhancement and enables educators to develop professionally throughout their professional trajectories.

Collaboration and networking are key elements within training programs designed for preschool educators. The existence of opportunities for instructors to establish connections with their colleagues, engage in the sharing of experiences, and participate in the interchange of ideas significantly contributes to the development of a dynamic professional community. Collaborative learning spaces facilitate the cultivation of a wide array of viewpoints, stimulate creativity, and promote the exchange of optimal methodologies.

Furthermore, training programs acknowledge the need of addressing the unique needs and strengths of educators. The implementation of differentiated professional development enables educators to customize their learning experiences according to their own interests, areas for improvement, and professional objectives. The use of a tailored approach guarantees that educators possess the necessary information and abilities that directly contribute to their professional development and positively impact the students under their care.

MAIN DISCUSSIONS: The enhancement of preschool teachers' professional development through training encompasses various essential dialogues. The following are key areas of discourse concerning the significance and constituents of efficacious training for educators in preschool settings:

The significance of performing a thorough needs assessment to identify the precise areas of professional growth and development for preschool teachers may be a central topic of discussion in training sessions. This process may entail evaluating the current knowledge, abilities, and competencies of instructors, while also taking into account the distinct needs and demands of the preschool environment.

The discourse may center on the importance of integrating research-based approaches into training programs. This entails the examination of contemporary

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research and evidence-based methodologies in the field of early childhood education, with the aim of effectively converting this information into tangible techniques that can be readily applied by educators within their classroom settings. The discourse may encompass subject matters such as the growth and maturation of children, instructional methodologies, the creation of educational plans, evaluation procedures, and strategies for maintaining order in the classroom.

The focal point of discussions may revolve around the significance of including interactive and experiential learning opportunities inside training programs. This entails the provision of practical exercises, simulations, case studies, and chances for teachers to actively engage with the subject matter. The discourse will examine the potential impact of these experiential learning opportunities on the enhancement of comprehension, practical application of skills, and long-term retention of knowledge.

The topic of continual support and mentorship is often discussed in relation to the necessity of professional development. This include the provision of subsequent sessions, coaching, as well as opportunity for introspection and criticism. The discourse may delve into the manner in which sustained assistance cultivates perpetual enhancement, tackles particular obstacles, and encourages the adoption of novel methodologies within the educational setting.

The topic of discussion may revolve around the significance of collaboration and networking possibilities inside training programs. This entails establishing platforms for educators to engage with colleagues, disseminate personal insights, and facilitate the interchange of concepts. The discourse will examine the ways in which collaborative learning settings foster the growth of a professional community, stimulate innovation, and support the exchange of best practices.

The significance of tailored professional development for preschool teachers may be the central focus of discussions. This entails acknowledging and attending to the specific requirements, capabilities, and preferences of educators. The discourse will examine approaches of customizing training experiences in order to address the distinct needs and objectives of educators, enabling them to directly implement their acquired knowledge in their particular educational settings.

The focus of discussions may be around the assessment and evaluation of training programs designed for preschool instructors. This entails the examination of many approaches to evaluate the efficacy and influence of training endeavors, including preand post-training evaluations, classroom observations, and feedback from educators

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and learners. The discourse may delve into strategies for utilizing evaluation data to guide and enhance subsequent training endeavors.

The focal point of discussions may be around the incorporation of technology inside training programs designed for preschool educators. This encompasses the examination of how technology may augment educational experiences, grant access to resources and virtual communities, and allow continuous professional growth through online courses, webinars, and virtual collaboration platforms.

The aforementioned discussions shed light on the complex and diverse aspects of professional development in the context of training programs for preschool educators. They underscore the significance of taking into account several factors in order to guarantee the efficacy and meaningfulness of such training endeavors.

CONCLUSION: To summarize, the implementation of training programs for preschool instructors plays a crucial role in augmenting their competencies and proficiencies. Training efforts play a crucial role in fostering the continual growth and enhancement of preschool instructors through the provision of research-based information, interactive learning experiences, ongoing support, collaborative possibilities, and tailored methods. Teachers that possess appropriate knowledge and employ effective tactics have a substantial influence on the caliber of early childhood education, ultimately leading to positive outcomes in the growth and achievements of young children.

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