



The Quest for Quality: Promising Innovations for Early Childhood Programs

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Brookes Publishing Co, United States, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 257 x 180 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. High-quality early childhood programs have a tremendous positive impact on children s school readiness and long-term success--but with obstacles like high teacher turnover and a fragmented system, many programs don t give young children the best possible start. Decision-makers can work toward change with the help of this forward-thinking book, the most comprehensive, up-to-date research synthesis available on quality in early childhood education (ECE). Bringing together the biggest ideas and the best thinking from more than a dozen top researchers in the ECE quality movement, this book clearly lays out what we know about quality today, which areas need focused improvement efforts, and what kind of innovative program-level changes will strengthen outcomes for children. Beginning with an in-depth look at what makes a program high-quality, readers will fully explore the complex issues and challenges surrounding implementation of: a coordinated, comprehensive, and integrated ECE system; effective teacher professional development--both preservice and inservice; accurate quality measurement across all key facets of a program; early learning standards as a tool to guide program improvement efforts; technical assistance activities that enhance and sustain program...



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