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## National Ethics Training Program on Best Choices: Guidebook to the Ethical Journey

Early childhood education and care practitioners work with one of the most vulnerable groups in society young children. The quality of the interactions between young children and the adults who care for them has a significant, enduring impact on children's lives. The intimacy of the relationship and the potential to do harm calls for a commitment on our part to the highest standards of ethical practice. This four-part series guides participants on a journey of ethical discovery and awareness. Participants will have the opportunity to explore personal values, beliefs and assumptions, and examine the complexities in ethical decision-making.

Module One guides participants through an exploration of their personal beliefs, values and ethics. Participants will examine what an ethical dilemma is using these systems as a point of reference. This workshop is prerequisite for all of the future ethics training modules in this series.

Module Two guides participants on the purpose, structure and benefits of a professional code of ethics. Following the eight principles identified in the CCCF Code of Ethics, participants will experience and understand how a code of ethics can guide practice. For participation in this workshop it is a prerequisite for participants to have completed Module One.

Module Three guides participants in the examination of making an ethical decision. This examination prepares participants for the complexities in making "best choice" decisions, and the recognition that many best choices may exist. Participants will look into personal commitments to ethical decision-making in practice. For participation in this workshop it is a prerequisite for participants to have completed Module One and Module Two.

Module Four works with participants in understanding how personal values, beliefs and ethics can support but also challenge ethical decision-making. Participants will also identify potential inhibitors to making these decisions. Through examination of the six E's to ethical commitment, participants will be able to renew their commitment of "best-choice" decision-making in practice. For participation in this workshop it is a prerequisite for participants to have completed Module One, Module Two, and Module Three.



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