



## **Universal PreK (UPK) Café**

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We welcome you to the Agency of Education Early Learning Team's **UPK Café!** We hope to share a variety of research and evidence-based resources, hot topics, news items and professional articles relevant to your daily work and practice as an Early Childhood Educator and Early Childhood Special Educator.

The school year is winding down and moving into summer! This week we will be finishing up with The National Training Institute on Effective Practices Effective Practices (NTI): Addressing Challenging Behavior Conference and resources that are specific to Suspension and Expulsion in Early Childhood.

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1) [\*\*TED Talk: School suspensions are an adult behavior | Rosemarie Allen\*\*](#)

Dr. Rosemarie Allen's TED Talk examines the epidemic of school suspensions, particularly in early childhood settings, and the role that adult behavior plays in dealing with challenging behaviors.

2) [\*\*ECTA – Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center – Reducing Early Childhood Suspensions and Expulsions\*\*](#)

This website provides links to a variety of resources for early childhood programs, families, communities and other stakeholders in their efforts to reduce expulsion and suspension practices in early learning settings.

3) [\*\*Webinar: Early Childhood Suspensions: The Impact on Families\*\*](#)

“When a child is suspended from school, it not only impacts the child, but the entire family. Parents often feel isolated and ashamed. They may also feel defeated with nowhere to turn. Many parents worry about the impact of the suspension on the child's future, losing their job to care for the child during the suspension period, their child being targeted, and their child's ability develop and maintain positive relationships with teachers and peers. During this webinar, parents share the impact of their child's suspension(s) on the family.”

4) **Vermont Agency of Education’s definition of High-Quality Effective Prekindergarten Education**

*What defines Vermont Universal Prekindergarten Education (UPK) is the implementation of high-quality, effective instruction by licensed educators who use evidence-based practices within intentionally designed early learning environments.*

*Early educators align curriculum with the [Vermont Early Learning Standards](#) while adapting experiences to support the full participation of each and every child to realize their full potential and promote successful outcomes.*

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If you have a resource you’d like to share on **UPK Café** or have been forwarded this issue and would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Leslie at [leslie.freedman@vermont.gov](mailto:leslie.freedman@vermont.gov).

Thank you!