



The Durham Region Children's Services Division wants to know.....



How do you use **Invitations to Play** to foster engagement, exploration, creativity and collaborative dialogue between educators, children and families?

Outlined in How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years, "Children thrive in indoor and outdoor spaces that invite them to investigate, imagine, think, create, solve problems, and make meaning from their experiences – especially when the spaces contain interesting and complex open-ended materials that children can use in many ways" (HDLH, pg. 20).

To highlight the important contribution the environment has on children's learning, tell us how you are using invitations to play in your programs with connection to the four foundations outlined in "How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years."

Benefits to Participating

- **Collaboration:** Use this opportunity to collaborate with your colleagues, families, community partners and the children in your program to create your submission.
- **A chance to win!** Each centre will be entered for a chance to win one of three Loose Part Curriculum Kits to be used in their centres.
- **An opportunity to showcase your work:** All submissions will be displayed at our Resource Library Open House on February 27, 2020 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Contest Details

- Submissions can include multi-media (photos, videos), written materials (poems, stories) or displays. There are no restrictions to what you can submit.
- If you choose to include photographs of children, please ensure a copy of the Permission to Photograph and/or Video Tape form is signed by the child's parent and included in your submission. The consent forms can be accessed by contacting Children's Services and requesting an electronic copy of the Permission to Photograph and/or Video Tape.
- Submissions may be made by mail, e-mail or dropped off at Children's Services office (addresses provided below).



Submission Deadline is Friday, February 7, 2020.

For submission through mail or drop off, please indicate the following:

Attn: Tracy Barclay-Ranta, Training Specialist
Children's Services Division

605 Rossland Road East, Level 1, Whitby, ON L1N6A3

If you would like to submit through email: Tracy.Barclay-Ranta@durham.ca

Please indicate "Invitations to Play" in subject line.



Permission to Photograph and/or Videotape

I, _____,
(please print name of participant)

give permission to The Regional Municipality of Durham to take and use photographs or videotaped recordings of me and/or my child, and/or my family to illustrate the work of Durham Region.

I understand that I will not be compensated for my participation in such activities and will seek no payment.

I acknowledge that The Regional Municipality of Durham is the sole and exclusive owner with respect to the making and development of the above photographs and/or videotape, including all underlying rights and interests.

Name of participant: _____

Address: _____

Signature of participant/guardian

Signature of witness

Name of participant/guardian (please print)

Name of witness (please print)

Date

Date