

Play is a powerful resource for children. It is a tool for learning about themselves, their world and supports children to develop self-regulation. Sensory motor play sets the foundation for learning. In this session, a Child Psychiatrist and an Early Childhood Educator will explore how science and practice come to life, and how the kinds of environments and experiences we offer can foster self-regulation and learning for young children.

Dr. Jean Clinton:

Dr. Jean Clinton is a Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster, division of Child Psychiatry. She was a Fellow of the Child Trauma Academy, as well as a Zero to Three Academy Fellow since 2013. Dr. Clinton was appointed as an education advisor to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Education 2014 - 2018.

She has been a consultant to children and youth mental health programs, child welfare, and primary care for over 30 years. Her special interest lies in brain development, and the crucial role relationships and connectedness play.

Dr. Clinton has also authored her first book, *Love Builds Brains* which can be ordered online through Tall Pines Press, on Amazon and in book stores everywhere.

Lorrie McGee Baird

Lorrie McGee Baird has been actively working in the early learning field for over 30 years and currently is the Executive Director of Pedagogy with Compass Early Learning and Care in Peterborough, Ontario. Lorrie has immersed herself in the early learning field strengthening her understanding of the teaching and learning process. As a pedagogical leader and professional learning facilitator she believes in engaging educators in reflective practice and ensuring that our work in adult learning parallels that which we want to foster with children. Lorrie is the co-author of *Creating a Culture of Reflective Thinking: The Role of Pedagogical Leadership in Early Childhood Programs*

Dr. Jean Clinton &
Lorrie McGee Baird
PRESENT:

Science Meets Practice!
*"Bringing Visibility to the
Power of Play and Self-
Regulation"*

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