



CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD
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Connecticut Kindergarten Symposium

**BUILDING A REVISED KINDERGARTEN ENTRANCE INVENTORY
TO SUPPORT STUDENTS, FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES**

Goals of the Connecticut Kindergarten Symposium

- Learn from national experts on early childhood development and assessment
- Learn about Connecticut's recent work toward a revised Kindergarten Entrance Inventory and how you can be involved
- Hear from a panel of Connecticut educators on the value of data about children's learning as they enter kindergarten

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Time: 8:00 to 12:00

Location: Four Points Sheraton
Meriden, CT

Intended Audience:

Kindergarten teachers

Superintendents

Community agency partners

Elementary school principals

Central office administrators

Professional organizations serving young learners

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Preliminary Agenda

- Welcome
- Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Deborah Leong**
- Progress on the Revised Kindergarten Entrance Inventory
- Kindergarten Entrance Inventory Overview: **WestEd and Johns Hopkins Center for Technology in Education**
- Panel Discussion

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Deborah J. Leong is professor emerita of Psychology and she taught developmental and educational psychology for 32 years at Metropolitan State College of Denver. She is Director of the Tools of the Mind Project. Dr. Leong developed the *Tools of the Mind* program with Dr. Elena Bodrova (Senior Researcher at McREL). Dr. Leong is also a senior research fellow at the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) at Rutgers University.

Dr. Leong and her colleague Dr. Elena Bodrova have written numerous books, articles, and educational videos on the Vygotskian Approach to Psychology and the development of play. She has also written several books on early childhood assessment with Drs. Oralie McAfee and Elena Bodrova. Dr. Leong has her Ph.D. from Stanford University and her M.Ed. from Harvard University.