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## PLAY BASED LEARNING: Meeting Standards and Supporting Executive Function Skills

During the 2023 legislative session, the State of Connecticut enacted legislation requiring play-based learning in pre-K and kindergarten classrooms. To assist schools and districts in the implementation of this new requirement, CAS is hosting two **free** workshops on **February 21, 2024**.

During these sessions, presenter Karen Gray will explore how play-based learning can help address CT Core Standards while simultaneously providing children the opportunity to work on and apply executive function skills.

The workshops will be held at the CAS Office, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT. All CT school and district leaders are invited to attend and are welcome to bring an early childhood staff member(s).

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### PRESENTER:



Karen Gray M.Ed, has 24 years in public education, which include instructional coaching and principalships. As a building leader, Karen ensured that play-based learning was a part of the daily schedule because she believes in the importance and value it brings to advancing children's education. Additionally, Karen has been working as an education consultant in districts throughout Connecticut. She provides professional development and coaching to early childhood educators in the area of play-based learning to increase student engagement and self-regulation in the context of standards, curriculum and cognitive rigor.