



# Literacy Matters! Becoming a Pedagogical Leader

## Understanding Pedagogical Leadership in *How Does Learning Happen?*

We all can be pedagogical leaders! Pedagogical leaders support fellow educators in applying the philosophies of *How Does Learning Happen?* They encourage curiosity, openness and trust and prioritize how children *and* adults learn. In short, pedagogical leaders don't worry about finding the correct answers but instead focus on asking the right questions at the right time!

*"By involving ourselves in a constant inquiry into what we believe...we will be on a journey to be better and better as [educators] all the time."* K.Callaghan, 2011

## Critical Reflection and Collaborative Inquiry in *How Does Learning Happen?*



Research tells us that early years programs improve when leaders regularly take time to reflect together. Just as children learn through questioning and testing theories in their play, educators are encouraged to try new ideas and test theories as well. By better understanding why we work the way we do, we are able to gain deeper insight into the reasoning behind best practices. As we begin to adapt and question our own practices we achieve the ultimate goal of learning *about* and *with* children and families everyday.

## How Does Learning Happen: Reflection

Scheduling in time for reflection is a valuable part of the journey into *How Does Learning Happen?* Individually or as team, use the following questions to guide your own reflective practices.

**What did you do in the last week to promote learning? For adults? For children?**

**What learning happened during this time?**

**What will you do in the week to come to expand on this learning?**

**How does this demonstrate your own understanding of how learning happens?**

**How can I challenge myself and my colleagues to continuously reflect on practices and to investigate questions and ideas?**



For more on Pedagogical Leadership check out:  
<http://edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/leadership.html>