

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT  
CD2110  
PARENT INVOLVEMENT

HOURS: 30

CREDITS 2

SEMESTER: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Parent Involvement deals with the rationale behind involving parents in children's programmes. Students will examine how to develop, maintain and evaluate meaningful parent involvement.

COURSE OUTLINE REVISED: JUNE, 1995

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**UNITS**

**UNIT 1**

The learner will demonstrate an understanding of the importance of parent involvement in children's programmes.

**UNIT 2**

The learner will know how to develop meaningful parent involvement programmes.

**UNIT 3**

The learner will use effective communication strategies to maintain parent involvement in preschool programmes.

**UNIT 4**

The learner will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of a parent involvement programme.

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**Unit One:** The learner will demonstrate an understanding of the importance of parent involvement in children's programmes.

**Objectives:** Upon successful completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. Describe how personal beliefs, assumptions and past experiences shape our attitudes toward parent involvement.
2. Identify the benefits of parent involvement.
3. Compare and contrast the role of the parent with that of the caregiver.
4. Discuss a variety of parent involvement programmes.

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**Unit Two: The learner will know how to develop meaningful parent involvement programmes.**

**Objectives: Upon successful completion of this unit the learner will be able to:**

1. Explain programme philosophy to parents.
2. Access and analyze the needs and interests of parents.
3. Develop goals, objectives and strategies for meeting the needs and interests of parents.
4. Develop guidelines for parent participation inside and outside of a preschool programme.

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**Unit Three: The learner will use effective communication strategies to maintain parent involvement in preschool programmes.**

**Objectives: Upon successful completion of this unit the learner will be able to:**

1. Identify and implement effective techniques for one-way communication with parents.
2. Identify and implement effective ways for two-way communication with parents.
3. Organize opportunities for two-way communication with parents.

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**Unit Four: The learner will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of a parent involvement programme.**

**Objectives: Upon successful completion of this unit the learner will be able to:**

1. Identify reasons for evaluating parent involvement.
2. Develop strategies for evaluating parent involvement.
3. Analyze and use evaluation data collected.