

Directors As Leaders

DAL is a collaborative of the Western New York early childhood community, committed to high quality early childhood programs.

Vision

High quality leadership in all early childhood programs.

Mission

To increase the quality of early childhood programs by cultivating, mentoring, and supporting the diverse population of early childhood leaders in WNY.

"Being able to connect with other directors for moral support, to share ideas, to pool resources, to get advice, and most of all, to realize someone understands whatever it is you're dealing with . . . Is...priceless!"

*~Priscilla Maddock
Director of Westminster ECC*

DAL Committee:
Child Care Resource Network, Sponsor
AEYC of WNY
Empire State College
NYS Office of Children & Family Services
Success By 6
Villa Maria College
Directors from a variety of programs

We welcome directors from large, small, private, nonprofit, city, suburbs, and rural programs. Contact us if you would like to participate.

"The DAL allows me to connect with other directors in the community and keeps me updated with new ideas as well as staying involved in the Early Childhood Community. I like that there are other professionals I can talk with that understand whatever 'dilemma' I may be having."

*Patty Connors
Director of TLC ECC*

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*Improving Early Childhood
Programs through
Quality Leadership*



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What is *Directors As Leaders (DAL)*?

Based on a shared belief that the quality of an early childhood program is directly related to the skills and abilities of the Director, a committee of volunteers joined together in 2005 to focus on leadership opportunities for directors.

Events are specifically designed for early childhood leaders, including Center Directors, Owners, Program Coordinators, Group Family Child Care Providers and other program supervisors.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
- Margaret Mead



The committee, now known as **DAL**, is a collaborative effort to improve early childhood program quality in Western New York through professional development and networking opportunities for directors.

Benefits of committee involvement, event participation and a ‘leadership mentality’ include:

- *Connections with others in your field*
- *Training and professional development designed for early childhood leaders*
- *Opportunities to share your knowledge of high quality early care and education*



“I really found everything uplifting, motivating, and inspiring!”
DAL conference participant

Conferences

DAL offers conferences on a regular basis with inspiring keynote speakers and a variety of workshops on topics relevant to early childhood leaders.

Monthly Networking

DAL offers training hours during this lunchtime network opportunity. This is a place for Center Directors and Group Family Child Care Owners to meet to discuss common concerns. The Network meetings include a tour, discussion and roundtable training. The schedule of dates is also listed in Child Care Resource Network’s Professional Development Schedule, which is also online at www.wnchildren.org.

