

**New Jersey Department of Education
Division of Early Childhood Education**

AGENDA

*CREATION CELEBRATION - Infusing the Creative Arts
throughout the Preschool Day*

Welcome and Introductions

Introducing the Topic:

- *Teaching and learning in the creative arts with the New Jersey Teaching and Learning Expectations: Standards of Quality*
- *Integrating creative arts experiences throughout the classroom*
- *Providing an enriched creative arts classroom environment using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised and the New Jersey Early Learning Assessment System-Literacy as your tools*

Essential Messages:

- ✚ *Children need ample time for free exploration of the creative arts and art materials.*
- ✚ *After ample free exploration by the children, teachers must intentionally model and scaffold specific techniques for the creative arts and the use of art materials.*
- ✚ *Teacher must also model using art materials in inventive ways.*
- ✚ *Children must be encouraged by teachers to use art materials in all indoor and outdoor classroom areas.*
- ✚ *Teachers need to support, encourage and model creativity, problem solving and inventive thinking in all interactions with children, in all content areas and in all areas of the classroom.*

