

Professional Development for faculty, staff, administrators:

Intersectional Conversations with Children: *Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Family Diversity*

Presented by Tarah Fleming, Education Director
for
Our Family Coalition
in partnership with POCIS

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Time: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

**A no-host happy hour to follow at Descanso on Piedmont at 3:15 PM*

Where: Park Day School (Magnolia Building, Great Room)
360 42nd Street Oakland, CA 94609

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Talking about challenging topics like ethnicity, gender identity and different family formations with young children can be uncomfortable and even scary. We may find that discussing one area is easier than another depending on the identities we ourselves hold, or it may seem easier to just take the “it doesn’t matter, we’re all human” approach. We know now from current research that children do notice the many differences of people around them and begin forming biases from a very young age. Are we ready as educators to use the “Learning Moment” to present age appropriate information preparing children to successfully negotiate our race and gender-conscious society? Do we provide an environment where the intersections of everyone’s unique identities are valued and respected? Do our personal stories and biases stand in our way to modeling equitable and compassionate behaviors for young children? This workshop uses reflective activities and the latest social emotional learning tools to prepare teachers to return to the classroom better equipped to talk about race and ethnicity, gender and family diversity in an intersectional way.

*POCIS Member Schools: Free
(*Includes parents, faculty, staff, and administrators)*

POCIS Non-members: \$50

