

Young Children's Rough and Tumble Play: Apprehensions and Opportunities



Presenter: Michelle Tannock

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885 Baker Drive, Coquitlam

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Young children gravitate towards opportunities to engage in varied forms of play. Physical interactions during play, while thoroughly enjoyable, can be complex and difficult for adults to interpret, particularly when play appears to be aggressive. Although often misinterpreted as aggression, rough and tumble play affords unique opportunities for the development of physical, social and cognitive competency. This presentation will illustrate research on rough and tumble play and consider the distinct behavioural expressions of young children. Perspectives of educators and families who appraise, consider, and intervene in guiding the play will be examined as rough and tumble play is considered within a framework of normative child growth and development.

Michelle Tannock, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor in Early Childhood Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Dr. Tannock completed her doctorate at the University of Victoria in Early Childhood Education and has coordinated and participated in a series of studies examining the role of rough and tumble play in early childhood settings and the form and use of kindness by young children. Dr. Tannock has published her findings internationally and presented her research at international conferences (keynote, paper presentations, workshops).



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