

SMITHSONIAN EARLY ENRICHMENT CENTER

FOSTERING WONDER (2-3 HOURS)

- I. **WELCOME: LEARNING IN YOUR COMMUNITY**
 - Ask participants: Where can you learn in your community?
 - Share visual representations of SEEC's community-based learning and ask participants to introduce themselves.
- II. **CONNECTIONS: COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING AND WONDER**
 - Explore how community-based learning can amplify a child's sense of wonder.
- III. **INQUIRY: WHAT IS IT?**
 - Create a shared definition of inquiry.
 - Understand why inquiry is important.
- IV. **THE ART OF ASKING QUESTIONS: SAMPLE LESSON IN GALLERY**
 - Participate in a sample lesson.
 - Explore different types of questions and practice developing your own questions based on a museum object.
 - Explore techniques that encourage inquiry and discovery.
- V. **CREATING A DIALOGUE**
 - Review the museum lesson and identify teaching techniques that help children connect with the content and expand their curiosity.
 - Explore what a dialogue with young children looks like and what techniques educators can use to respond to young children during a lesson?
- VI. **AN EMERGENT CURRICULUM: RESPONDING TO INQUIRY**
 - Define an emergent curriculum and learn how SEEC uses it to support inquiry, learning, and thinking.
 - Consider how to respond questions via a lesson planning activity and example.
- VII. **CREATING A CULTURE OF INQUIRY**
 - Teaching inquiry as a practice.
 - Using the classroom environment and documentation to support inquiry
 - Educators modeling inquiry
- VIII. **CONCLUSION**