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Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center retains Progress Strategies+ for Cultural Competency, Diversity and Inclusion Workshop Training

The *Progress Strategies+* Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Project Group has been hired by the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center (GRCDC) to provide its award-winning equipping services to the GRCDC leadership and staff.

The Introduction, Instruction and Involvement (*i3*) in Cultural Competency, Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Workshop is provided by *Progress Strategies+* to the 28 staff members of the GRCDC. It is designed to provide this group of creative early childhood educators with the tools and techniques to make their teaching, administration and external programs more accessible and adaptive to culturally diverse children, families and stakeholders. Eric K. Foster, Principal and President of *Progress Strategies+* and leader of its Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Project Group appreciates GRCDC contacting the firm to provide crucial inclusion equipping services to the school before they begin their new academic year.

“The GRCDC is an innovative K-5 academy shaping the minds of children in one of the most diverse cities in Michigan. We are appreciative that they selected *Progress Strategies+* to help them link cultural competency, anti-bias skills and other inclusion standards to their programs, academic offerings and community engagement initiatives in order to strengthen an inclusive workplace and culturally adaptive learning environment for all children and parents,” stated Foster.

A public school academy, serving students in grades Kindergarten through Fifth, the GRCDC expands the potential of children, the experiences of educators and the involvement of parents within a diverse community of Grand Rapids, Michigan based on the Reggio-Emilia approach to incorporate current research on learning as well as developmentally appropriate practices.

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