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Family Literacy: Can this Approach Make a Difference?

Speaker

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Description of Presentation

Family Literacy is emerging as an approach to increase literacy levels and family's involvement in education. This presentation will explore questions around family literacy. What are the challenges and benefits of family literacy programs? Should communities and schools be looking at family literacy as a strategy to improve children and adult literacy levels?

Dr. Vianne Timmons is the Vice-president, Academic Development at the University of Prince Edward Island. She served as Chair of Education at St. Francis Xavier University and Dean of Education at the University of Prince Edward Island. Dr. Timmons leads the academic planning at the University and oversees student services, the registrar, the library, athletics and computer services. She also leads the internationalization efforts of the University.

Dr. Timmons's research interests include inclusive educational practices, family literacy and knowledge translation. Dr. Timmons's research is funded by the Social Science Humanities Research Council, the National Centres of Excellence, The National Literacy Secretariat and the Canadian Institute of Health Research. Dr. Timmons is the founder of the Children's Health Applied Research Team, a team of multi-disciplinary researchers, at the University of Prince Edward Island. Dr. Timmons has developed and implemented a number of lecture series, workshops, in-services, conferences and symposiums provincially, nationally and internationally, which focus on knowledge translation, literacy and inclusive practices.

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