



ECCC NEWS

Early Childhood Community Coalition Newsletter

Membership Update

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Membership renewal for the 2018 year is underway. If you have not renewed your membership for the year please download and complete the application form <http://earlychildhoodlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/ECCC-Membership-Form.pdf>.

Questions? Contact: Arnita Hodge: arnita.hodge@VA.GOV Q: What will our readers want to know about our business?

Holiday Event Update

On November 2, 2017 the Early Childhood Community Coalition held its fall holiday event at Café Pyrenees. Guest speaker Sharon Morton, MAJE, RJE, former teacher, principal and now Executive Director of Grandparents for Social Action. The evening started with a group ice-breaker activity “Getting To Know You” by pairing and rotating attendees by answering a series of questions about yourself to your partner. A few questions resonated with me (*What was your favorite childhood book that was read to you? & Share a time when you had empathy or someone showed empathy to you. Who was your favorite teacher?*)



Sharon’s presentation “Values to Unite Us. Stories to Inspire Us. Activities to Guide Us” had a very powerful message of acts of kindness, and how we can provide opportunities for children of all ages. Starting early and teaching children that they have a voice and can make a positive change in someone’s life with being kind and showing gratitude. Sharon discussed how young children can learn about philanthropy at an early age– by using a Moonjar/ by learning about financial literacy through *saving, spending, and sharing*. To end the evening Sharon talked about a **Gratitude Journal**, every night write down something that happened during your day that was positive. *Recommended books– The Blessings of a Skinned Knee. By Wendy Mogel, Ph.D. and More New Games. By New Games Foundation.*



- Erika Gray

Board Member

SAVE THE DATE

The Education Committee is planning a Spring Event. More details to come!

Please mark your calendars for **APRIL 14, 2018!**