

**2014 ELF SUMMIT
PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES**

Dear Colleagues,

We're looking forward to your joining us at the ***ELF 2.0 Summit: Exploring the Next Steps*** on **November 6, 2014** in Oakland. A stimulating agenda is planned with thought-provoking presentations; new ideas to support and engage families with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers; and many opportunities to interact and share with your colleagues.

To enhance the *ELF 2.0 Summit* experience, we're asking you to do a few preparatory exercises prior to the Summit:

First, view each of the four TED Talks listed below. Reflect on each by asking yourself the questions outlined. These questions are simply a prompt to help you think about the presentations and their relevance to your work. There are no right or wrong answers, just opportunities for self-reflection.

1. [*What Do Babies Think?*](#) Alison Gopnik
**How might this research impact your thinking about early childhood?
What relevance might it have to your work?**

2. [*The Linguistic Genius of Babies*](#), Patricia Kuhl
**Which of the ideas presented resonated with you?
Where did it feel like a stretch?**

3. [*For Parents, Happiness Is a Very High Bar*](#), Jennifer Senior
**With what ideas were you able to connect?
How might this information influence your work with families?**

4. [*Love, No Matter What*](#), Andrew Solomon
**Were there ideas presented that took you out of your comfort zone?
What insights did you have?**

Second, explore the [ELF 2.0 website](#). Have fun discovering more about ELF 2.0 and the many practical, early learning resources available at your fingertips.

Thank you for investing your time, preparation and interest in the Summit. See you in Oakland on November 6, 2014!

Best regards,
Suzanne and the ELF 2.0 Summit Planning Committee

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