



# AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

Early Childhood Education Study Tour

March 18 to March 25, 2018

**Why a Study Tour to New Zealand?** *ECE professionals learn a great deal as they visit another context. The NZ context offers us many interesting ideas about biculturalism, formative assessments, engaging indoor and outdoor environments, family connections and risk taking. We visit schools, meet teachers, and participate in thought provoking conversations with NZ professionals, who inspire us and challenge our assumptions. We also have ample time to learn from one another informally, and through facilitated Communities of Practice. These conversations encourage us to reflect on our own contexts and propel us to think of ways to transform our own communities.*

**Who attends?** *The small Study Tour group (30 people) represents a cross section of our professionals: teachers, directors, supervisors, ECE professional development specialists, coaches, and students.*

**Who Facilitates?** *Eliana Elias and Ijumaa Jordan, who are both experienced ECE facilitators, coaches and college instructors.*

**Costs:** *Average cost, including all meals, lodging and ground transportation in New Zealand is about \$2,220.00 (there is small variation here, depending on the participant's desire to stay in a single room or a double room). Please note that the plane tickets are not included in this cost.*

**Why should educators attend?** *This transformative professional development experience provides educators with a new lens on innovation for high quality, opportunities to examine different perspectives, and gain a renewed sense of purpose for our work in the early childhood field.*

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