



SEMINAR

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He mokopuna, he taonga? The reality of a broken childcare and ECE system – and a potential fix.

Mike Bedford and Susan Bates

Friday 9th August 2019, 12.30-1.15pm

A year ago, Mike Bedford and others challenged Ministry of Education claims that NZ has “among the best standards in the world for ECE”. Against this, they presented evidence of poor standards, poor compliance, very bad conditions, and a damaged workforce. They welcome much of subsequent MoE draft strategic plan for ECE, but argue that NZ’s current ECE licensing system does not promote, and cannot ensure, adequate quality of either care or education. This seminar will propose a solution.



Mike Bedford (MPH) is a specialist in ECE wellbeing and design, and is just finalising a doctorate at University of Otago. Mike has over 25 years’ experience with the ECE sector, and has made about 1,500 visits to ECE services. Susan Bates (B.Ed) is an ECE teacher and researcher, who established the 2,700 member Teachers Advocacy Group. Susan has taught at over 60 ECE centres.

Small Lecture Theatre, Level D, University of Otago Wellington

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