Why They Leave and Why They Stay: Towards an Ethical Praxis in Early Childhood



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Early childhood education is a vital profession that shapes the lives of young children. However, the field is facing a crisis of turnover, with many educators leaving the profession within the first five years. This turnover has a negative impact on the quality of care for children and can also lead to burnout for those who remain.

There are many reasons why early childhood educators leave the profession. Some of the most common reasons include:

- Low pay
- Lack of benefits

- High stress
- Limited opportunities for advancement
- Lack of respect from parents and administrators

These factors can make it difficult for early childhood educators to stay in the profession, even if they are passionate about working with children. However, there are also many reasons why educators stay in the profession. Some of the most common reasons include:

- The opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children
- The joy of working with children
- The sense of community among colleagues
- The flexibility of the work schedule
- The opportunity to learn and grow

It is clear that there are both push and pull factors that influence early childhood educators' decisions to leave or stay in the profession. Creating an ethical praxis in early childhood that supports the well-being of both educators and children is essential to addressing the issue of turnover and retention.

An ethical praxis in early childhood is one that is based on the values of respect, equity, and social justice. It is a praxis that is committed to creating a positive and supportive environment for all children and families. It is also a praxis that is committed to the professional development of early childhood educators.

There are many ways to create an ethical praxis in early childhood. Some of the most important things that can be done include:

- Providing fair wages and benefits to early childhood educators
- Creating a supportive work environment that is free from stress and harassment
- Providing opportunities for professional development and advancement
- Building strong relationships with parents and families
- Advocating for policies that support early childhood education

By creating an ethical praxis in early childhood, we can create a more sustainable and equitable system that supports the well-being of both educators and children.

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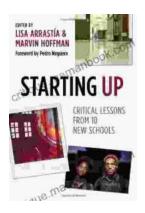
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