

Playcentre is for Parents Too!

At Playcentre I learnt to...

play with kids * give useful feedback * accept mess * become a better Mum * have patience * have understanding * do accounting * step away sometimes * make friends * step out of my comfort zone * ask for help * give help * get almost every stain out of clothes * learn alongside my children * work with people I don't get on well with * partially tolerate sand for small periods of time * engage children and adults and get their contributions on a strengths-led basis. * understand myself so I can understand others * be confident about giving things ago * understand the kiwi life style * find my passion * let my children experience the joy of messy play * BE AWESOME!!!! * listen and observe more than talking * see the beauty in our tamariki, and their powerful potential * accept help, accept challenges and accept compliments! * love messy play * love myself! * have fun with my children * say no without agonising over it * recognise what my child was learning * empower others by delegating * talk in front of a group * be more accepting of others and different parenting styles! * accept how much people can give knowing that things will change and when they can give more they will.* embrace the joy of seeing children discover the world, learn, grow, and develop - sometimes right before your eyes! * work with a wide variety of people to meet a common goal * stop for cuppa tea * record observations * manage events * find my voice and courage again * know that my kids can take risks and be ok * manage difficult situations and help others * trust my children as learners and follow their lead * chill out- its ok to get messy! * not stress when banking the Playcentre \$ with glitter in my hair and kowhai hand prints on my butt * ako (teach/learn) * share * listen * encourage * empower *

embrace * be involved * delegate * be the best MOTHER I could be! * become better at accepting my parenting limitations and ask for support when needed * ... breathe * write learning stories and make play dough * make a pinata that kids use water pistols on * negotiate * reach a consensus * make the most precious friends of all ages. * live in the now and enjoy it * be more tolerant of people that are not "just like me" * really know my children properly * relax * be a child again!! * be patient * how to have fun and lighten up * believe in myself and my own skills * understand and relate to my children by seeing the world through their eyes * allow myself to be vulnerable and learn to play and try new things without being afraid of failure * accepting failure as part of experiencing the world not a negativity * become a better friend and learn what it is to be part of a community that loves and cares * sing out loud. * more about Te Reo and tikanga than I'd ever learned before * that my contribution - however big or small or different - was accepted gratefully * love the feeling of sliding my hands through multi-coloured multi textured-ooze * about schemas, and teams, and found my community... * play * sing * educate * make volcanoes & slime & fingerpaint & playdough * not be so shy around adults and children * open up and enjoy my children more * love love love messy play, and that its not just for the children * feel more confident as a Mum and that there are AMAZING like minded parents out there!

