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**Book:** *Professional Relations in Early Childhood Careers*

Book Summary:

The book includes 12 chapters with information, learning activities, and reflection guides to help students develop the traits and behaviors of professionals. Themes include: Traits of a Professional; Programs and Philosophies; Changing Role of Professionals; Becoming a Positive Team Member; Professional Organizations; Professional Communication; Professional Strategic Planning; Handbooks, Policy and Procedure Manuals and Parent Handbooks; Expectations on the Job; Ethical Codes of Conduct; Personal and Professional Characteristics; and Personal Strategic Planning.



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