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[*A Year at Mission Hill*](http://www.ayearatmissionhill.com/index.php) 10-part video series chronicling the rhythms and relationships of a year in the life of one of America’s most successful public schools

[*The Learning Child Series*](http://www.slc.edu/cdi/learning/index.html) produced by Jonathan Diamond Associates in collaboration with Sarah Lawrence College Child Development Institute

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