Record Nr. UNINA9910813781903321 Making a place for pleasure in early childhood education / / edited by **Titolo** Joseph Tobin Pubbl/distr/stampa New Haven [Conn.], : Yale University Press, c1997 **ISBN** 1-283-95027-8 0-300-14649-3 Edizione [1st ed.] 1 online resource (265 p.) Descrizione fisica Altri autori (Persone) TobinJoseph Jay Disciplina 372.2/1 Child development - United States Soggetti Child psychology - United States Early childhood education - Moral and ethical aspects - United States Early childhood education - Social aspects - United States Pleasure - Moral and ethical aspects - United States Sex (Psychology) Teacher-student relationships - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- INTRODUCTION: The Missing Discourse of Pleasure and Desire -- TWO. Classroom Management and the Erasure of Teacher Desire -- THREE. The "No Touch" Policy -- FOUR. Playing Doctor in Two Cultures -- FIVE. Carnival in the Classroom -- SIX. Sexist and Heterosexist Responses to Gender Bending -- SEVEN. The Pervert in the Classroom -- EIGHT. Keeping It Quiet -- Contributors -- Index Kindergarten kissing games...four-year-olds playing doctor...a teacher Sommario/riassunto holding a crying child on his lap as he comforts her. Interactions like these-spontaneous and pleasurable-are no longer encouraged in American early childhood classrooms, and in some cases they are forbidden. The quality of the lives of our children and their teachers is thereby diminished, contend the contributors to this timely book. In response to much-publicized incidents of child abuse by caretakers, a "moral panic" has swept over early childhood education. In this book, experienced teachers of young children and teacher education experts issue a plea for sanity, for restoring a sense of balance to preschool,

nursery school, and kindergarten classrooms. The contributors to this book explore how caretakers of preschool children and other adults have overreacted to fears about child abuse. Drawing on feminist, queer, and poststructural theories, the authors argue for the restoration of pleasure as a goal of early childhood education.