

Playing it Forward

Discovering the Wonder and
Value of Authentic Play



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May 3, 4, and 5, 2012
Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport
Richmond, BC

Join us for Conference 2012!

ECEBC is pleased to present its 41st annual conference, **“Playing It Forward: Discovering the Wonder and Value of Authentic Play.”** As early childhood educators we know the importance of play in children’s overall development, and this conference will be full of opportunities to explore the many dimensions of play. The conference will also bring opportunities to examine theories and trends in our professional early childhood practices, approaches to leadership, advocacy, and other significant issues that affect our field.

We are excited to offer innovative workshops, inspiring presenters, a fantastic Trade Show and Resource Fair, sit-down lunch buffets, and a Friday night Gala that promises to be an evening of celebration and fun. This year, to celebrate Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre’s 25th anniversary, ECEBC and Westcoast have planned a wonderful evening at Science World on Thursday evening. It’s another conference event to not miss!

We extend an open invitation to you to join us for our 41st annual professional conference. Together we will refresh, reenergize, and revitalize ourselves, our work, and our association. See you there!

ECEBC’s Conference 2012 Committee

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Thursday evening trip to explore Science World
- Keynote address by Sue Delaney
- Exciting and innovative Friday and Saturday program format to suit everyone
- 29 workshop topics on a wide range of topics, including special needs/inclusion, Reggio models, play-based learning, infant/toddler issues, and human resources practices
- Sit-down lunch buffets
- Friday night Gala!
- Central Trade and Resource Fair
- Direct access to the Canada Line for fast and convenient trips to shopping in Richmond and downtown Vancouver
- FREE parking for overnight guests

Please note that ECEBC will have a photographer at the conference to take photos at workshops and events for use in future editions of our journal, The Early Childhood Educator, and other organizational materials.

Easy online registration for conference at www.ecebc.ca



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Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, MAY 3

9:00 to 5:00 pm

10th Annual Assessment Workshop
Children's Right to Assessment:
Celebrating a Decade of Innovative
Practices

University of British Columbia
See page 4 for registration
information

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Registration Desk open for early
registration

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

ECE Networking
in Conference Foyer

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Science World Trip
(Co-sponsored by Westcoast Child Care
Resource Centre and Science World)

FRIDAY, MAY 4

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Registration Desk open

7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Trade Fair and Resource Fair open

8:30 am to 9:45 am

Official Opening and Keynote Address
by Sue Delaney

9:45 am to 10:15 am

Coffee Break

10:15 am to 12:15 pm

A Sessions

12:15 am to 12:45 pm

Shopping time at the Trade and
Resource Fair

12:45 pm to 2:00 pm

Hot Lunch Buffet (Ballroom)

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

ECEBC AGM (Ballroom)

2:00 am to 2:30 pm

Shopping time at the Trade and
Resource Fair

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

B Sessions

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Friday Night Gala (Ballroom)

SATURDAY, MAY 5

7:30 am to 3:45 pm

Registration Desk open

7:30 am to 2:00 pm

Trade and Resource Fair open

8:30 am to 10:00 am

C Sessions

10:00 am to 10:30 am

Coffee Break

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

D Sessions

12:00 am to 12:30 pm

Shopping time at the Trade and
Resource Fair

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Lunch Buffet (Ballroom)

1:30 am to 2:00 pm

Shopping time at the Trade and
Resource Fair

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

E Sessions

3:30 pm

Conference Ends

Events on Thursday, May 3

The 10th Annual Assessment Workshop

Children's Right to a Fair Assessment: Celebrating a Decade of Innovative Practice

Thursday, May 3, 2012

University of British Columbia

Featuring Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond and Dr. Hillel Goelman

We invite you to join us in celebrating the 10th year of the Assessment Workshop—a collaborative one-day event that brings together research and practice. Workshops topics will include the importance of fair and timely assessment for young children and their families, early identification and intervention to prevent reading problems, cultural safety, using the ASQ/ASQ:SE in front-line programs, and many more topics that are designed for early childhood educators, support child and infant development consultants, therapists, and teachers.

Return transportation via a chartered bus will be available from the Richmond ECEBC Conference site.

For registration information, please contact EventAbility at 604-214-3490/604-272-9155 or info@eventability.org

AN EVENING OF FUN AND LEARNING AT SCIENCE WORLD

Thursday, May 3, 2012, 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Science World, 1455 Quebec Street, Vancouver

Fee: \$35 + \$7 chartered bus fare (to and from the Radisson Hotel)

We hope you'll join us for this fun-filled evening at Science World. The event includes a fascinating science demonstration show, plenty of time for participants to explore the many exhibits, and an overview of Science World's unique Big Science for Little Hands science resources, which will inspire scientific explorations for 3- to 5-year-olds in any environment. Science World will provide free refreshments and Kaleidoscope, the Science World gift shop, will be open for your science shopping pleasure.

**This event is co-sponsored by
Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre
and Science World.**

Space is limited, so register for this special event along with your conference registration. There will be a bus transporting participants to and from the hotel.

If you need a ride, don't forget to reserve your \$7 bus ticket too.



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Wonder of Learning

THE HUNDRED LANGUAGES OF CHILDREN
EXHIBIT FROM REGGIO EMILIA

JULY TO DECEMBER 2012

THE RIVER MARKET at Westminster Quay
810 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC

The Wonder of Learning exhibit recounts experience from infant-toddler centres, preschools, and primary schools in the city of Reggio Emilia. This exhibition is offered as a democratic piazza calling international attention to the importance of education and schools as places for discussion and mutual exchange.

<http://wonderoflearningvancouver.com>

Events on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5

ECEBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Friday, May 4, Lunch Time
Ballroom*

Please join us for ECEBC's Annual General Meeting while enjoying your lunch. Although only full members are able to vote, all delegates are welcome to attend. It's an opportunity to find out what ECEBC has been working on for the ECE sector over the past 12 months. It is also the time when new directors are elected to the Board.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING SPACE

*Thursday, May 3 to Saturday, May 5
Foyer*

Meet up and network with friends and colleagues in the hotel foyer Thursday evening and all day Friday and Saturday. ECEBC's Conference co-sponsors and partners will also be located in the foyer so you can find out more about the work they do and how you can become involved.

TRADE AND RESOURCE FAIR

The Trade Fair will be open Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and on Saturday from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your shopping lists and bags to shop from over 25 exhibits! Felt stories, finger puppets, books, and more to take back to your child care centre.



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FRIDAY NIGHT GALA: Early Childhood Education Goes to the Beach!

*Hosted by the Smithers Early Childhood
Educators*

*Friday, May 4, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport, Ballroom
Fee: \$50*

The Gala never fails to be one of the highlights of conference—a chance to visit with

colleagues, savour a wonderful dinner, and celebrate ECEBC award recipients. Of course, after dinner, the partying will begin on the dance floor! There will be contests, games, and prizes—and lots of dancing! This year's gala theme is "Early Childhood Education Goes to the Beach!" Costumes are encouraged: think sun and fun and where you would go for a sunny vacation!



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Keynote Address



SUE DELANOY

LIGHTEN UP! Humor is FUNdamental to Providing Early Care and Learning to Young Children

Friday, May 4, 8:30 am to 9:45 am

How does humor help you cope with the stress associated with teaching or caring for young children and help you the caregiver continue to provide quality early care and education day after day after day! This keynote will be entertaining and fun and guaranteed to get you laughing, but will also discuss substantive issues related to the early care and education of young children.

SUE DELANOY is a Child and Youth Advocate in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan where she coordinates local projects for children, youth, and their families. She works half of her time as a coordinator for The Kinsmen Activity Place of Saskatoon, working with gang-involved and street-entrenched

young people and coordinating activities for the new early years knowledge to action project called KidSKAN. In the other half of her work life, she is the part-time coordinator for the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada (CCAAC). For the last 10 years Sue was the executive director of Communities for Children in Saskatoon and 10 years before that the executive director of the provincial Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association.

Sue has extensive experience in encouraging innovation and change in developing and delivering programs and services for children and families, and in collaborating with government, community, and academic groups to achieve change. Sue was named a Children's Champion

by Saskatoon Preschool Foundation in 2007 and awarded the Children's Advocate Champion award for Saskatoon in 2008. She has been a YWCA nominee for Women of the Year award and included as one of Who's Who of Canadian Women in Chatelaine magazine. Sue has been a board member of the National Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada and a council member on the Child Care Human Resource Sector Council. She is currently a board member of the National Alliance for Children and Youth. She is also a board member for the Saskatoon Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op, but states that her most important role in the community is that of being a mom to Bryn and Jeffrey, a mother-in-law to Rylan, and a wife to Luc.



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A1 The Importance of Natural Play

What kinds of environments foster genuinely spontaneous imagination? How do we as early childhood educators model key life skills: creativity, problem solving, and self-regulation? Join us to explore the open-endedness of an unencumbered learning pallet. Reawaken your intuition to teach through space and invitation and watch the children thrive. See why so many have joined in natural play and leave filled with ideas and inspiration galore.

PRESENTER: *Bridgitte Alomes is the founder of Natural Pod and an active proponent of free, natural play.*

A2 Exploring the Elements of Risk in Outdoor Play: Air, Water, Earth, and Fire

Two Vancouver Coastal Health licensing officers will present this exciting and thought-provoking workshop that explores the mysteries of the four elements: air, water, earth, and fire and ways to embrace outdoor play and all that our West Coast weather has to offer. We will explore perceptions of risk and safety and break down the barriers to playing in the rain. Come and be inspired to create change.

PRESENTERS: *Teresa Sankey and Laura Zazzara are child care licensing officers with Vancouver Coastal Health in Vancouver, BC.*

A3 Utilizing the Early Development Instrument in an Aboriginal Context

The Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) is working collaboratively with an Aboriginal team on ways to best support Aboriginal communities to use the Early Development Instrument (EDI) data for their Traditional Language Group. Learn about the importance of EDI within Aboriginal contexts and how the EDI data can be used to promote best practices and quality programming for early childhood development

PRESENTERS: *Carrie Anne Vanderhoop Bellis, BA, M Ed, is the Aboriginal community liaison coordinator for HELP. Duane Jackson is the co-chair of the Aboriginal Steering Committee for HELP and the regional Aboriginal coordinator with the ECD Initiative, Success by 6.*

A4 Creating a Culture of Possibility in Early Years Settings

Each early childhood setting has its own culture, routines, and ways of being. Does the culture in your setting reflect the values you hold about children, families, and learning together? Join us as we explore how we can create a culture that is responsive, welcoming, and full of possibilities. We will discuss how our centres can become places that nourish social relationships and thoughtful engagement by reflecting on our environments, schedules, philosophy, and

assumptions. We want you to leave with practical ideas that both challenge and rejuvenate you.

PRESENTERS: *Kim Atkinson and Danielle Davis are coordinators of the Images of Learning Project, an exhibit that highlights the work of ECEs and the competencies of children.*



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A Sessions

Friday May 4, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm

A5/B5 Make it Meaningful! Literacy Development in a Reggio- Inspired Environment, Part 1

Kindergarten teachers will highlight how educators can support literacy development in a Reggio-inspired environment. While educators may often feel comfortable using the Reggio Emilia approach in the areas of science, art, and mathematics—when it comes to literacy, the pressure to use teacher-directed instruction and prescriptive programming persists. The presenters

will showcase project work led by students, talk about how literacy development was supported in meaningful ways, and share artful, playful, and a hands-on chance to engage in literacy opportunities.

PRESENTERS: *Laura Logaridis, Leslie Siegrist, and Katie Tranter are kindergarten teachers who work in a full school-day early learning program that is inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education.*

NOTE: *This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for both A5 and B5.*

A6/B6 Rhythmic Art: HERE I AM! Celebrate Children through Rhythm and Song, Part 1

This interactive workshop will take you on a musical adventure that celebrates children through rhythm and song. Using world percussion instruments, hand drums, and global songs that promote peace, acceptance, and understanding, you will learn activities that promote wellness and community connections and learn how to adapt these musical instruments and songs into their program. Expect a high energy experience that will engage and inspire you...be ready to dance, play, and sing!

PRESENTER: *Angela Roy is the founder of the Expression Rhythmic Art Program, an ECE, presenter, and children's entertainer.*

NOTE: *This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for both A6 and B6.*



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A7/B7 Remembering to Play: Inspiring Joy, Freedom, and Self-Care, Part 1

Remembering to Play is a fun and interactive playshop that will remind participants of the wisdom of a child's mindset and the importance of levity and joyful, authentic expression as cornerstones for education. Participants will explore the principle of "Yes and" as a means of creativity, how to engage and be receptive to others, the three levels of listening, and how to expand our creativity and capacity to see possibilities. The workshop will also explore principles of co-created learning and co-active communication, self-care and self-awareness, and new creative games for children.

PRESENTER: *Vince Gowmon is the founder of Remembering to Play Events, and is a certified professional life coach trained through the Coaching Training Institute and its Leadership Program.*

NOTE: *This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for both A7 and B7.*

A8 Pay it Forward: The Role of Early Childhood Educators in Building a Canada that Works for All Generations

There is a generational crisis in Canada today. Parents with young children are spending more time in the labour market than any generation before them, yet average household incomes have flat-lined over the last 40 years. Meanwhile, housing prices across the country have nearly doubled and there are not enough quality, affordable child care services to help families balance

caring and earning. Well-trained, fairly paid early childhood educators are key to resolving this crisis. This workshop will explore the various ways that early childhood educators can help to build a Canada that works for all generations.

PRESENTER: *Lynelle Anderson is a certified general accountant and a senior researcher for UBC's Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP). She is a leading authority on family policy in Canada, especially with respect to the finances of child care services.*



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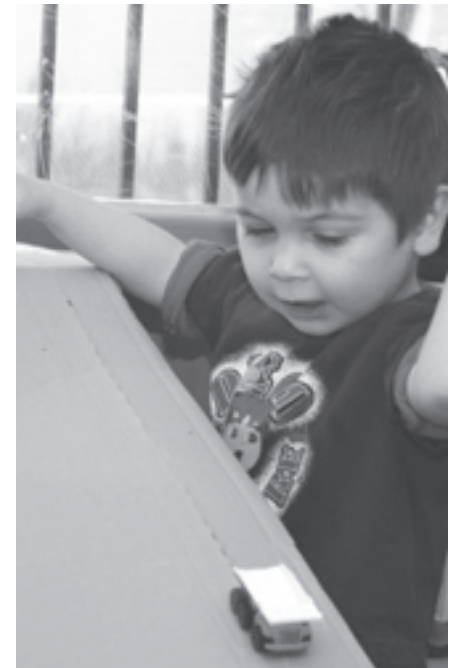


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B1 Hmm, I Wonder What Would Happen If...

All children are natural risk takers and challenge seekers. The question to ask is: "Are we going to help them to manage risk and meet challenges positively, or are we going to introduce them to a society that is cautious, sanitized, and discouraging of risk taking?" This workshop/discussion will look at all aspects of the day and possibilities for encouraging risk, challenge, and exploration as it connects to children being competent, capable, and able in their own ways as they make and share their under-

standings of the world around them.

PRESENTER: *Patricia McClelland is an instructor at Northern Lights College and Northern BC Distance Education School. Linda McKinlay has been teaching early childhood education for 25 years and now works as a sessional instructor with Northern Lights College.*

B2 The Community Pedagogical Facilitators Project: Collaborative, Critically Reflective Dialogues

This presentation highlights different aspects of the Pedagogical Facilitators Project, which builds on the foundations of the

Investigating Quality and Early Learning Framework Implementation Project. This project, which is an initiative of the Unit for Early Years Research and Development at the University of Victoria, aims to create a community of practice by engaging practitioners in collaboratively and critically reflecting upon their knowledge, values, experiences, and practices, and exploring the meaning and practices in the field. This workshop will discuss the theoretical underpinnings and the implementation processes of the project.

PRESENTER: *Dr. Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw is*



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an associate professor at the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria and director of the Pedagogical Facilitators project. Kim Atkinson is an early childhood educator and pedagogical facilitator for the project. Fikile Nxumalo is a doctoral student at the School of Child and Youth Care and a pedagogical facilitator for the project. Vanessa Clark is an artist and an atelierista for the project.

B3 Effective Leadership

Participants will learn about the difference between managing and leading, which both have their uses. This lecture will focus on how leaders are surrounded by people who choose to follow them to greater achievements. Participants will learn how to facilitate, support, and empower staff to reach higher goals and create future leaders in their organizations.

PRESENTER: Marc Tatanasci Lalonde, BA, is an ECE with infant/toddler and special needs certification. He has over 30 years of experience in the field and is the manager of the Tsleil-Waututh Child and Family Development Centre.

B4 Following Children's Pathways of Play

If children play to learn, how do we follow? How do we feed their interests and support their discoveries, their wonder? In this workshop Natalie Lucas shares the pathways she has taken with children at

her centre that have led to making new discoveries in nature, learning about powerful issues of social justice and environmental dilemmas, and just plain having fun! The goal is to inspire you onto your own pathways of play.

PRESENTER: For the past 25 years, Natalie Lucas has been director and ECE at Wee Ones and Valhalla Children's Centre in the Slocan Valley. She was a participant in the ECEBC Leadership Project called Salmon Speaks.

B5 Make it Meaningful! Literacy Development in a Reggio-Inspired Environment, Part 2

See A5 for workshop description.

NOTE: This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for both A5 and B5.

B6 Rhythmic Art: HERE I AM! Celebrate Children through Rhythm and Song, Part 2

See A6 for workshop description.

NOTE: This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for both A6 and B6.

B7 Remembering to Play: Inspiring Joy, Freedom, and Self-Care, Part 2

See A7 for workshop description.

NOTE: This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for both A7 and B7.



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C1 Forest Kindergartens: Outdoor Preschools as an Early Childhood Education Model

This workshop will provide participants with valuable tools for engaging young children in nature and using their sense of awe and wonderment to stimulate learning. Participants will learn specific tools for making the Forest Kindergarten a success, including proper clothing, teacher qualities, and working with parents. Participants will also learn the concept of flow learning that is a hallmark of Forest Kindergarten programs. The workshop will consist of a slideshow presentation and discussion. Erin recently returned from the international conference on early childhood and nature education and had an opportunity to observe Forest Kindergartens in the Netherlands and Germany, and will talk about the cultural differences that present unique challenges in each geographic location.

PRESENTERS: *Erin Kenny started the first Forest Kindergarten in the US based on the German Waldkindergartens. She is passionate about connecting young children with nature through authentic immersion experiences.*

C2 An Introduction to Storyoga And Some of Its Playful Elements

During this interactive workshop presentation, participants will explore what

Storyoga is, the benefits for children, and Vanessa's top 10 Storyoga books. We'll explore the key elements of Storyoga, including fun floor poses, a child-friendly sun salutation, Storyoga songs, games and gross motor movements, relaxation and breathing techniques, and how to link stories to yoga. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one as the second half of the workshop has been designed for you to experience a mock Storyoga class.

PRESENTER: *Vanessa Braun is an early childhood educator and certified yoga instructor. She is also the founder and instructor of Storyoga, a program that fuses together children's literature with yoga.*

C3 We Had No Idea What We Were Getting Into: Our Ongoing Experience of the Investigating Quality Project

As participants of the Investigating Quality Project, we gathered monthly to engage in reflection and critical thinking with peers. We found ourselves talking about things we had never talked about before, topics that were difficult and controversial. We discussed play that happens in every setting but makes adults uncomfortable: bad guys, guns, death, gender, and racism. Why do we shy away from discussing these topics of children's play? What are our fears in supporting or questioning this play in the

centre and when we dialogue with parents? What are our assumptions about roles children take on in their play? How much do we control play, and why? We invite you to come and expand on the conversation with us.

PRESENTERS: *Kim Atkinson, Danielle Davis, Enid Elliot, Peg Hasted, Sarah Hilliard, and Jeanne Puritch are a group of educators who met during the Investigating Quality Project and continue to meet to discuss the ideas, dilemmas, and quandaries that are part of an early childhood practice.*

C4 Outdoor Play and Parachute Games

In this fun-filled workshop, participants will get new ideas and tips on outdoor play. We will be playing lots of traditional children's games suitable for the playground and explore how to use the play parachute!

PRESENTER: *Allan Hirsch is an educator of children and performing artist for over 30 years. He has presented workshops at ECEBC's annual conference since 1993!*

CS/DS Cultivating Intuition: The Heart of Healthy and Productive Decision Making, Part 1

Intuition is your greatest ally because it is the only resource that is unlimited, always accessible, and never wrong. It is with you

at all times, providing important information for your well-being and success. The question is: how often do you listen to it? In this playshop, you will participate in fun and interactive activities that explore intuition on three levels: awareness, space, and connection. How self-aware are you? What is your relationship with space? How open are you to connecting to your self and others? We will also explore practical applications for intuition, specifically how intuition can be cultivated and expressed with children. Walk away feeling inspired to make new and empowering decisions.

PRESENTER: *Vince Gowmon is the founder of Remembering to Play Events and is a certified professional life coach trained through The Coaching Training Institute and its Leadership Program.*

NOTE: *This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for both C5 and D5.*

C6/D6/E6

The Big Picture— A Real Solution for BC's Children and Families

Join us on this daylong journey of why and how to solve the child care crisis in our province. BC advocates and their partners are moving forward in several significant and foundational ways, and this 3-part workshop will explore the work being done.

Part 1: Living Wages, Child Poverty, and Childhood Development

Part 1 will provide information on what a living wage is, how income relates to child poverty and early childhood development, and how the call for living wages policies relates to the call for an integrated child care plan for BC. Participants will gain a better understanding of social determinants of children's health and how an integrated child care plan for BC can benefit everyone.

PRESENTER: *Michael McCarthy Flynn, MA, is a Living Wage for Families campaign organizer, who has worked on anti-poverty issues in Ireland, Africa, and BC.*

NOTE: *This is a 3-part workshop. Participants must register for C6, D6, and E6.*

C7/D7 Beyond Head and Shoulders: Integrating Diversity Concepts into Circle Time, Part 1

Experiences in the early years are critical for establishing a sense of self and understanding of the diversity of our communities. Educators in child care programs are committed to going beyond the "head and shoulders" notion of circle time to offer programming that fosters appreciation of diversity and provides life lessons that enhance the child's view of the world. Through interactive circle times that address diversity themes, we can promote

children's positive self-esteem and healthy cultural identity. This workshop will explore the basic tenets of diversity education for young children, the sticking points that keep us from moving forward with this important aspect of early childhood education, and how to integrate diversity concepts into our programs.

PRESENTERS: *Gyda Chud has over 30 years experience in the child care field and continues to participate in a number of child care organizations at the local, provincial, and national levels. Nora Mejia is a diversity trainer for Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre.*

NOTE: *This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for both C7 and D7.*

C8 Children's Rights: The Right Thing to Do!

This workshop provides an overview of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and a report on the Children's Charter process in Vernon and Revelstoke. We will also explore activities to ensure that children's voices are heard as active citizens in their communities.

PRESENTERS: *Lynne Reside is an ECE and coordinator of Success by 6/Children First, North Okanagan. Trina Devine is an ECE and manager of the Child Care Resource and Referral, Vernon and District. Shawna Miller-Poitras is an ECE at the North Okanagan Child Care Society.*

D1 Teaching the Hurt Child: Implications for Preschool Learning and Play

New research on brain development offers important information about how early trauma (children ages 0 to 3) affects brain development and impacts later development in cognition, social/emotional competence, and stress tolerance. Participants will learn more about interventions and how they must be specific, targeted, and steeped in understanding of how to shift early learning.

PRESENTER: *Andrea Chatwin, MA, CCC, is an early childhood therapist and educator with extensive experience in the areas of attachment, trauma, and early brain development.*

D2/E2 Understanding and Dealing with Challenging Behaviours, Part 1

All children have a desire to belong and feel important. In an attempt to get their needs met they can act in negative ways. Learn to identify the underlying needs and four mistaken goals of children and help redirect them in ways that embrace involvement, empowerment, fairness, and capability.

PRESENTER: *Teresa Bouchard is an occupational therapist, wife, and mother of two young boys.*

NOTE: *This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for D2 and E2.*

D3 Sign Me a Story, Volume 1

Stories are a fundamental part of a child's life. Spice things up by telling the story in sign. Children enjoy imitating and participating with these stories, and signing stories is an inclusive activity to do in any centre. Signing stories can also help facilitate language development—plus it's fun! (Also see E3 Sign Me a Story, Vol. 2.)

PRESENTER: *Kim Brown, BA, ECE special needs, teaches a variety of American Sign Language courses designed for child care providers. She also facilitates Positive Parenting programs and supported child development.*

D4/E4 Re-Connecting with Your Passion for Play, Part 1

This workshop is for educators who, for some reason, have misplaced their love for the “job” and have lost their passion for being present with and engaging in quality play with children. Through exercises, group work, and discussion, participants will leave knowing they are not alone and it is normal to feel uninspired and worn out sometimes. We will explore the barriers and create action plans that reconnect educators with their passion and purpose for what they do!

PRESENTER: *Corrine Moody, ECE, is a teacher, parent, and mentor who is passionate about*



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D Sessions

Saturday May 5, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

building healthy and successful relationships.

NOTE: *This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for D4 and E4.*

D5 Cultivating Intuition: The Heart of Healthy and Productive Decision Making, Part 2

See C5 for description.

NOTE: *This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for both C5 and D5.*

D6 The Big Picture — A Real Solution for BC's Children and Families, Part 2 Holding Canada Accountable—Child Care is a Right!

This session will focus on the progress to date of the Child Care is a Right Project, including the delegation made to the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child in

Geneva, Switzerland in February 2012. The Coalition of Child Care Advocates and the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada have taken an international approach on the right of every Canadian child to a quality system of early care and learning. This session will explain how these advocacy associations are holding Canada accountable to its obligation under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

PRESENTERS: *Susan Harney is with the Coalition of Child Care Advocates, and Sue Delanoy is with the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada. Both women are long-time advocates working toward a public system of early care and learning for all of Canada's children.*

NOTE: *This is a 3-part workshop. Participants must register for C6, D6, and E6.*

D7 Beyond Head and Shoulders: Integrating Diversity Concepts into Circle Time, Part 2

See C7 for workshop description.

NOTE: *This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for C7 and D7.*

D8 Songs and Stories of Nature

In this workshop participants will learn to use the seasons as a guide for choosing which stories and songs to use. This workshop will also look at some basic nature study activities to use in your program.

PRESENTER: *Allan Hirsch is an educator of children and performing artist for over 30 years. He has presented workshops at ECEBC's annual conference since 1993!*



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E1 Songs for Active Times, Songs for Quiet Times for Toddlers and Up

Come to this action-packed and fun-filled workshop to rejuvenate some old songs and learn many new songs and rhymes for active and quiet times. We will share easy ways to involve children in circle and teach simple storytelling techniques.

PRESENTERS: Lorie McDonald and Lillian Kocmaruk are Strong Start Early Learning facilitators for Burnaby School District No. 41.

E2 Understanding and Dealing with Challenging Behaviours, Part 2

See D2 for description.

NOTE: This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for D2 and E2.

E3 Sign Me a Story, Volume 2

Explore new stories and poems in this workshop.

See D3 for workshop description.

NOTE: Participants can register for both D3 and E3 but it is not required that you register for both workshops.

E4 Re-Connecting With Your Passion for Play, Part 2

See D4 for workshop description.

NOTE: This is a 2-part workshop. Participants must register for D4 and E4.

E5 The Wonder and Exploration of Sensory Bins

It is a scientific fact that when a child's brain is given sensory stimulation, the neurons fire more quickly and make vital connections that literally lay the foundation for future learning. Sensory bins are an inexpensive way to keep children VERY entertained and develop fine motor skills, as well as provide wonderful sensory experiences using different textures. Sensory bins can be as simple as a shallow dishpan, or one of those classroom sand and water tables. Nicky and Cari will share ideas for fun and stimulating sensory activities that you can experience with young children.

PRESENTERS: Nicky Bartel is the ECE program consultant for the Quesnel CRR; Cari Charron is the CRR program coordinator and a StrongStart facilitator.

E6 The Big Picture—A Real Solution for BC's Children and Families, Part 3 The Early Care and Learning Solution: Moving It Forward

The Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning (known as the Plan) was released in April 2011, and it is increasingly seen as a solution to BC's child care crisis. As support grows, key elements of the Plan are receiving

more thought and discussion. During this workshop, participants will learn about the Plan's evolution and explore key elements of the Plan such as the proposed new educational standard for ECEs and how best to sustain community interest in the Plan leading up to the 2013 provincial election.

PRESENTERS: This session will be presented by representatives from ECEBC and CCCABC.

NOTE: This is a 3-part workshop. Participants must register for C6, D6, and E6.

E7 Creating a Vision for Staff Interactions

Experts in the field of leadership all agree on how effective visions guide organizations. In this lecture format workshop participants will learn how to facilitate staff ownership by creating a vision based on how to interact with each other. By using effective wording and metaphors, leaders will gain staff enthusiasm and facilitate a respectful, collaborative process. This will then ensure all staff will be guided by principles they establish.

PRESENTER: Marc Tatanasci Lalonde, BA, is an ECE with infant/toddler and special needs certification. He has over 30 years of experience in the field and is the manager of the Tsleil-Waututh Child and Family Development Centre.

ECEBC Membership Application

IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF ECEBC, NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN!

By joining now, you can take advantage of the great savings members receive on their conference fees. And you'll also receive a whole year's worth of other great benefits: 4 issues of the Journal, The Early *Childhood* Educator; the Code of Ethics; members' prices on ECEBC publications; and most importantly, the knowledge that you are part of an organization advancing early childhood education and educators. Members count!

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (CHECK ONE)

Full Member – has an Early Childhood Educator's Licence to Practice from the Provincial Community Care Facilities Branch (*copy of Licence required with application*). Eligible to vote on provincial issues at the Annual General Meeting.

Student Member – is in the process of becoming professionally qualified in the field of early childhood or is in the process of completing 500 hours of work experience (*signature of instructor/supervisor required on application*).

Associate Member – holds post-secondary certification (certificate, diploma, degree) in a related field, has been a full member of ECEBC and is now retired from the ECE field, or is currently employed in the early childhood field and is in good standing with the Provincial Community Care Facilities Branch (*copy of Operating Licence or a Licence to Practice as an Assistant ECE required with application*).

MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/PROV/POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

E-MAIL

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE OF INSTRUCTOR (STUDENTS ONLY)

REFERRED BY

- New Full \$115 (\$9.58 monthly)
- Renew Full \$110 (\$9.17 monthly)
- New Student \$95 (\$7.92 monthly)
- Renew Student \$90 (\$7.50 monthly)
- New Associate \$100 (\$8.33 monthly)
- Renew Associate \$95 (\$7.92 monthly)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Cheque (payable to ECEBC)
- VISA MasterCard

CARD NO.

EXPIRY DATE

NAME OF CARDHOLDER

SIGNATURE

ECEBC has a pre-authorized monthly payment option. Download a form from www.ecebc.ca.

Visit the ECEBC website to purchase or renew your membership online at www.ecebc.ca/membership/ECEBC_membership.pdf

Return to: Early Childhood Educators of BC 2774 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5M 1Y8 / Fax: 604 709 6077

Conference 2012 Registration Fees

Membership Category	Early Bird Rate (until April 4)	Rate After April 4, 2012
ECEBC members (full & associate)		
2-day registration	\$255 Register online for \$245	\$320 Register online for \$310
1-day registration	\$160 Register online for \$150	\$200 Register online for \$190
Student ECEBC members		
2-day registration	\$190 Register online for \$180	\$235 Register online for \$225
1-day registration	\$120 Register online for \$110	\$150 Register online for \$140
Non-members of ECEBC		
2-day registration	\$460 Register online for \$450	\$575 Register online for \$565
1-day registration	\$320 Register online \$310	\$400 Register online for \$390

ECEBC is proud to announce that conference registration fees have remained the same since 2009! Registration fees include sit-down lunch buffets on both Friday and Saturday.

How to Register for the Conference

- To get the best workshop selection, register online at www.ecebc.ca (follow the links). It is a secure credit card registration.
- To register by mail, complete the Registration Form on the next page and send the form with cheque or money order to: Early Childhood Educators of BC, 2774 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC, V5M 1Y8
- To register by fax, fax the Registration Form on the next page to ECEBC at 604-709-6077. You must supply a credit card number.
- Registrations are on a first-come first-served basis.
- No telephone registrations will be accepted.
- For more information, contact Yasmin Irani, Tel: 604-709-6063, ext. 1 / Toll-free: 1-800-797-5602; E-mail: conference.ecebc@look.ca

Cancellation Policy

Registration fees, less a \$40 administrative fee, will be refunded if a cancellation request is received in writing by April 12, 2012. After this date, registration fees are non-refundable.

Member and Non-Members:
Register online at www.ecebc.ca and
save \$10.00 on your registration!

Membership Information

Not an ECEBC member? You can join ECEBC and be eligible for conference membership rates quickly and easily.

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Toll-free: 1-800-797-5602

E-mail: membership@ecebc.ca,

Fax: 604-709-6077.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Conference

If you are interested in volunteering your time at the conference, we have many great opportunities for you, including directional hosting, information, on-site registration, presenters, assistants, and more. For more information contact Jamie Anderson at jamietanderson@telus.net.

REGISTRATION DRAW

If you register by April 4, 2012, your name will be entered into a draw to win a prime rib dinner for two at the Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport.

ECEBC Conference 2012 Registration Form

Register using our online system at www.ecebc.ca and get \$10 off your registration fees!

To register by mail or fax, fill out a separate form for each registrant. Please print clearly and keep a copy for your records.

To claim ECEBC member's rates for Conference 2012, your ECEBC membership must be valid as of May 5, 2012.

Participant Information

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CENTRE/ORGANIZATION
ADDRESS	CITY/PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE
HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE	FAX
		E-MAIL

Session Registration Instructions

Space is limited in many workshops, so register early for best selection.

Indicate on the grid below your first, second, and third choices for sessions. **Workshops are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis once full payment is received by ECEBC.**

We will inform you which sessions you have been assigned in your confirmation letter.

Day & Session	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Friday (A sessions)			
Friday (B sessions)			
Saturday (C sessions)			
Saturday (D sessions)			
Saturday (E sessions)			

Send Registration Form and Payment to:

Early Childhood Educators of BC, 2774 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5M 1Y8

Fax: 604-709-6077

To register by fax you must supply a credit card number.

Method of Payment

- Cheque, payable to ECEBC
 Money order, payable to ECEBC
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CARD NO.

EXPIRY DATE

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SIGNATURE

Registration Fees

Conference Registration Fee
 (see page 18)
 (includes lunch) \$ _____
 Friday Night Gala @ \$50/ticket \$ _____
 Science World Trip @ \$35/ticket \$ _____
 Bus ticket to/from
 Science World @ \$7/ticket \$ _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

ECEBC Conference Travel Bursary Application Form

The ECEBC Board of Directors has earmarked \$10,000 from Endowment Funds to be used to help reduce the cost of delegate travel to ECEBC's annual conference in May 2012. The amounts disbursed to conference delegates in each geographical area will vary according to regional travel costs. Travel bursary funds will be distributed across the province as follows:

Interior: \$2,500
Kootenays: \$2,500
Lower Mainland: \$500
Northern BC: \$2,500
Northern Vancouver Island: \$1,000
Southern Vancouver Island: \$1,000

To apply for the ECEBC Conference Travel Bursary, please fill out this application form and return it to the ECEBC office by **Wednesday, April 4, 2012**. Due to limited funds, not all applicants will receive bursary funding. Approved applicants will be contacted by email by **Friday, April 13, 2012**. Please note that approved applicants must submit all travel receipts in order to receive bursary funding cheques.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing address (include postal code): _____

Child Care Facility: _____

How would you maximize these funds to attend the 2012 conference? (e.g. carpooling, bus charter, etc.)

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Getting to the Conference & Accommodation

GETTING TO RICHMOND

By Air

The Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport is just 10 minutes from the Vancouver International Airport, and provides complimentary shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. The shuttles depart from the airport every 30 minutes at 10 minutes past the hour and 20 minutes to the hour.

- AIR CANADA / AIR CANADA JAZZ

Tel: 1-888-247-2262

web sites: www.aircanada.ca or
www.flyjazz.ca

- WESTJET

Tel: 1-800-538-5696

web site: www.westjet.com

Public Transit

The Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport is located right next door to the Aberdeen Station of the Canada Line. If you are travelling by public transit, you can get detailed information on transit schedules in the Richmond area by calling TransLink at 604-953-3333 or visiting their web site at www.translink.ca.

By Coach

Greyhound serves most communities in the province. Call your local Greyhound station for more information on times and fares from your area to Richmond.

By Car

Located on Cambie Road in Richmond, the Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport is easily accessible by car or public transit. If you are driving, there is free parking in the hotel parking lot for delegates during the conference. A map of Richmond is on the back cover of this booklet.

Parking

Complimentary parking is available for conference delegates on the 5th level of the President Parkade in the blue zone only, on the 2nd and 3rd levels of the President Parkade, and in front of the hotel.

ABOUT THE HOTEL

Once again, ECEBC is holding the conference at the Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport to accommodate the financial needs of the ECEBC delegates. The hotel is in Richmond, right next door to the Canada Line (Aberdeen Station), just steps away from the Richmond Mall, and 20 minutes from downtown Vancouver.

Also, The Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport offers free Wi-Fi in guest rooms, and is close to Starbucks and Tim Hortons.

Rooms and suites are available to ECEBC delegates at the reduced conference rate of \$125 plus taxes per night. To reserve accommodation, please contact the Radisson directly. When making reservations, please identify yourself as part of the EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS OF BC (ECEBC) conference. In order to guarantee your space at the hotel and receive the reduced conference rate, your accommodation reservations must be made by **Wednesday, April 4, 2012**. After this date, reservations can be made based upon room availability and at the best available rates.

Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport

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Reservations: 1-800-333-3333,
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604-279-8384, or e-mail
reservations@radissonvancouver.com.

Conference Notes

Community Plan for a System of Integrated Early Care and Learning

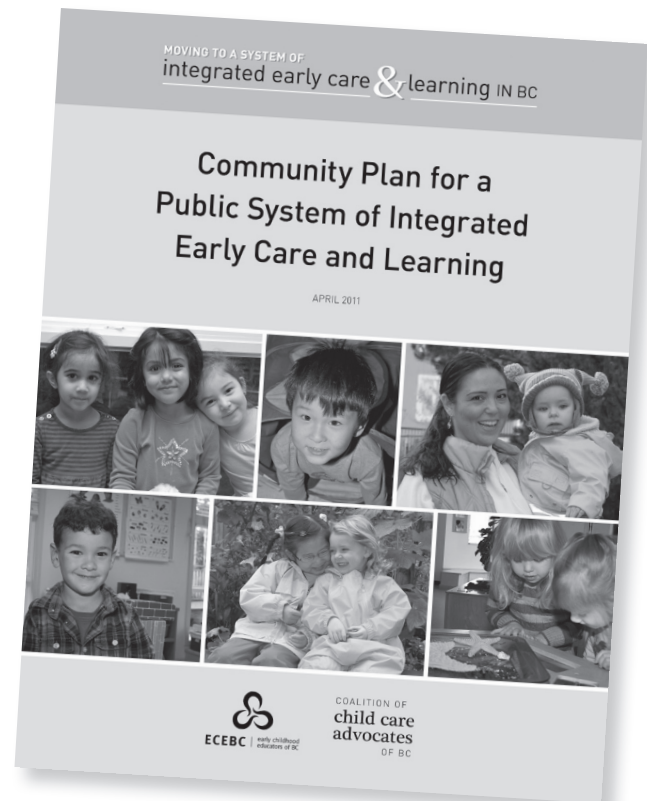
In spring 2011, the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC released a **Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning**.

Our “made in BC” Plan emerged through an extensive community process that engaged thousands of British Columbians. It offers a concrete, innovative, and ambitious strategy to meet the needs of BC children, families, and communities.

Excitement about the Plan continues to grow as individuals and organizations endorse it and urge policy makers to work with communities to begin its implementation.

Please add your name to those endorsing the Plan. More information on the Plan, including answers to Frequently Asked Questions, is available at www.ecebc.ca/news/integrated_project.html

We also welcome invitations to present the Plan to groups. Contact us at membership@ecebc.ca.

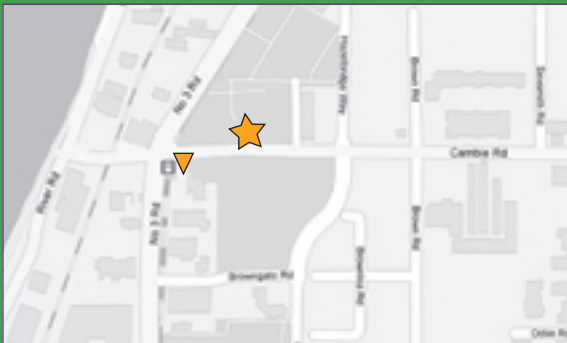


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