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FOR EARLY LEARNING PROFESSIONALS IN BRANT

Professional Learning Hub

For Early Learning Professionals in Brant
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Hours of Operation for the Professional Learning Hub are:

Monday	**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**
Tuesday	**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**
Wednesday	**9:00 am – 7:00 pm**
Thursday	**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**
Friday	**Closed**
Saturday	**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**
Sunday	**Closed**

No appointment needed.

For more information and to see what is being offered at the Professional Learning Hub, 30 Bell Lane, Brantford go to the website at https://professionallearninghub.ca

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July to December 2022

The Professional Learning Hub will be closed for the following holidays:
Canada Day Closure, July 1-2, 2022
Civic Day Closure, July 30-August 1, 2022
Labour Day Closure, September 3-5, 2022
Thanksgiving Closure, October 8-10, 2022
Christmas Closure, December 24-January 2, 2023

Take a look at all the exciting Face-to-Face and ZOOM workshops that we have to offer you from July to December 2022. All professional development workshops are free for Brantford/Brant licensed child care, licensed home child care, EarlyON programs and Lansdowne Child Care Centre staff. Some workshop registrations are limited, so please register early to ensure a space. Please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email registration@eycbrant.ca to register for your workshops and training. Staff will send you the ZOOM code prior to the workshop.

Something to ponder……

"The path isn't a straight line – it is a spiral. You continually come back to things you thought you understood and see deeper truths"

Barry H. Gillespie

Dine'n Learn
Topic: Dramatic Play
Wednesday, July 6
ZOOM 6:30 to 7:30 pm

The Dramatic Play area is the place where children can pretend, imagine and be creative. It promotes high level thinking, problem solving, turn taking and provides rich opportunities for language development. Join us as we discuss the benefits of dramatic play and share some great new innovative ideas.

The College of Early Childhood Educators
Refreshed and Streamlined: Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) Program
Thursday, August 11
ZOOM From 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Guest Speaker: Meredith Farley RECE

Meredith Farley RECE is a Professional Practice Analyst at the College of Early Childhood Educators. She has extensive experience in leadership and supervisory roles in a variety of early learning and care settings. She holds a Master of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Studies from Ryerson University and with a focus on inclusion, diversity, and accessibility. Before joining the College of Early Childhood Educators, Meredith was a Research Assistant and Lecturer within the School of Early Childhood Studies at Ryerson University.

During this presentation, you will be provided with an overview of the revised Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) Program launched in July, 2022. You will learn about the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program online member education and the new simplified CPL Portfolio Cycle of One Year-One Goal. You will have an opportunity to ask Meredith Farley, RECE, your questions and learn about the free online resources available on our website.

Music Extravaganza
Wednesday, August 17
In-Person 6:30 to 8:00 pm (30 Bell Lane, Brantford)

Come share your favourite circle songs and stories and learn some new ones too! Together you will explore different ways to make your circles interactive and keep the children engaged and full of laughter.
You will get the opportunity to create your own props to bring back to your centres.
Leave with many new ideas and twists on older ones.

Building Positive Relationships Series
Wednesday, September 14, 21, 28
ZOOM 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Children come from diverse backgrounds. The one thing they have in common is the need for a safe learning environment. Building relationships and making connections is a way to help children develop a healthy sense of self. We know that all foundations for learning are built upon authentic relationships and making connections. Join us as we take an in depth look at building positive relationships with the children, families, and co-workers.

This interactive workshop will include strategies and resources to engage families in your Early Childhood Community so that together, families + educators = thriving children.

Moments That Matter: Leading Culture NOW
Thursday, September 22
ZOOM 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Guest Presenter: Pam August, Former Director, Culture Activation at WestJet

Visionary, purpose-driven leaders recognize that there is untapped potential in their organizations. When this potential is left unrealized, it can lead to misalignment between an organization's brand promise (external experience) and culture (internal experience). Through her high-energy keynotes, Pam August helps leaders and their teams unlock this potential to see transformational results. She equips audiences with practical strategies to help activate potential, at home and work, for greater performance and impact.

August was the Director, Culture Activation at WestJet, where for 14 years she was a fierce champion and developer of people and culture as a key enabler of strategic success. Today, she is a trusted partner for high-performance organizations around the world through her consulting firm, Connecting Potential.

With a background in leading culture development and experience working with diverse organizations, August knows what it takes to uncover, align, and activate the best of what organizations already are and what they want to develop into. She brings deep insight and appreciation for what it takes to influence change and the energy and discipline it takes to see it through.

August is a sought-after guide, facilitator, coach, and co-creator with a strong foundation of lifelong learning. She has a Bachelor of Adult Education, a Master of Arts in Leadership, and certification as an Organization and Relationships Systems (ORSC) and Brain-Based Coach.

During this keynote:

- **Get clear on why now and what it means to lead culture by design not default in a way that feels organic not orchestrated.**
- **Discover why the best way to predict the future is to co-create it and how to make this happen.**
- **Take away the simplest actions that most powerfully signal and shape a new way forward.**
- **Experience the power of "mattering matters" and how it builds the human-to-human connective tissue essential to build cultures that matter.**

Child Care Supervisors are invited to network and share current trends and information at the Supervisor`s Network meetings. Meeting are scheduled 1:30-3:00 pm.
Networks are scheduled Thursdays, September 16 and October 20th.
Additional meetings will be added as needed.

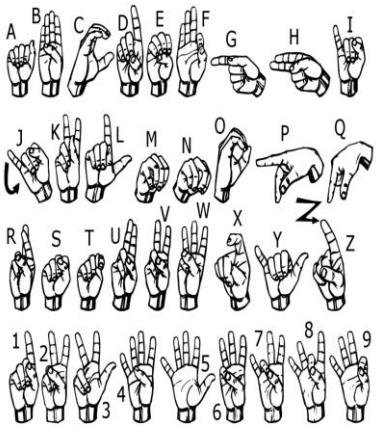
Dine'n Learn
Topic: Creatives
Thursday, September 29
ZOOM 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Children need time and space to create beautiful masterpieces to express what they know. They need different surfaces to create on and different materials to create with. Join us to explore some authentic and practical items that will help inspire the children to create.

Temperament Traits
Wednesday, October 5
ZOOM 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Temperament traits are present from birth and greatly affect how people behave. Come explore the 9 different temperament traits and the effect they have on children's behaviour. Leave knowing YOUR temperament traits, how to determine children's temperament traits, effective strategies and how to organize the environment so that "goodness of fit" happens.

Signed English Sign Language Series
Wednesdays, October 12,19, 26, and November 2
In-Person 6:30 to 8:00 pm



Learn how to incorporate Signed English sign language into everyday interactions with children. This workshop series provides emphasis on functional vocabulary for preschool children. All participants receive a free Signed English Starter Dictionary Book and the Signed English Songbook. This is a certificate course.

Positive Discipline for the Educator
Tuesdays, October 25, November 1, 8, 15
ZOOM 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Using the positive discipline model, experience how behavior matches development. Join the discussion and share the stories of the children you are working with and leave with a new perspective on how to approach discipline strategies with children.
The Positive Discipline program was originally designed for parents and families to promote a more positive discipline approach. It looks at the child's behaviour and guides the adult to see things from the child's perspective. It also looks at where the child is developmentally and compares that to the adult's expectations of the child.

The program was developed by Dr. Joan Durrant and her team at the University of Manitoba and is utilized in many countries throughout the world.

Multi-Age Programming
Thursday, October 27
In-Person Training at 30 Bell Lane
Brantford
6:30 to 8 pm

This in person workshop provides practical ideas, invitations and provocations for planning a program that has multi-ages. Share your ideas and stories and discover new and exciting ways to support, inspire and provoke curiosity for children of all ages.

Standard First Aid, Level C CPR Training
In-Person Training at 30 Bell Lane Brantford
5:30 to 8:30 pm
Dates from January to June

Series #1 Tuesdays August 16 and 23, Thursdays August 18 and 25

Series #2 Tuesdays October 4 and 11, and Thursdays October 6 and 13

Series #3 Tuesdays November 22 and 29, Thursdays November 24 and Dec 1
Instructor is certified through St. John Ambulance

This course is for individuals who require more comprehensive information on first aid and CPR for the workplace, educational institution, or personal interest reasons. This course meets Canadian Labour Code and Ontario First Aid Regulation 1101 for workplaces with more than 5 employees. It also meets CCEYA requirements. This interactive program includes CPR training for adults, infants, and children, 2 person CPR as well as automated external defibrillation (AED). Certificates valid for three years are issued upon successful completion. CPR C deals with managing infant, child, and adult casualties.

Supervisor's Symposium
Friday, November 4
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location to be announced

Guest Speaker: Susan MacDonald, Founder of Inspiring New Perspectives
Conversations that Matter: Strengths-Based Coaching Skills to Support Professional Growth

Bio:
Susan MacDonald is the founder of Inspiring New Perspectives, a consultancy focused on empowering educational leaders to create programs that deeply respect and nurture the possibilities that lie within each child, parent and teacher. She has been developing and delivering inspirational courses and workshops for more than 25 years. Her background includes director of a Reggio-inspired preschool program, adjunct faculty at Lesley University and Wheelock College, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts licensing supervisor. She holds a master's degree in instructional design, and several professional coach certifications.

Discover how to increase your engagement with staff and support their professional growth through strengths-based coaching techniques. We will examine coaching frameworks and reflective practices that enhance your leadership while providing the tools you need to formulate new strategies to supervise, mentor, and inspire your staff and enrich your program. This course focuses on the importance of developing and enhancing your communication skills to give you the ability and confidence to work effectively with a wide range of staff and families.

Holiday Invitations
Wednesday, November 16
ZOOM 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Can you feel it? It's in the air! The excitement and wonder, the holidays are near. The children are wondering and curious to see, what is waiting for them to explore and experience. They can't wait to enjoy the wonderful season.
Are you ready? It's a magical time, so join us as we share incredible activities, songs, invitations, and provocations and so much more from a variety of cultures.
Bring your ideas, thoughts and traditions, you too can share. Let's work together to build our resources and bring holiday cheer!

A package with materials will need to be picked up one week prior to the workshop.

Educators, Children and Families as Pedagogical Companions
Wednesday, November 23
ZOOM 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Presented by Karyn Callaghan

Karyn Callaghan is the president of the Ontario Reggio Association, a member of the board of directors for the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance and a member of the Reggio Children International Network. Karyn also contributed to the Ministry of Education documents "Think, Feel, Act" and "How Does Learning Happen?"

The pandemic has taught us some important lessons that we should use as a basis for transformation. Perhaps the most salient lesson is that relationships matter. This sounds like an obvious statement, but it is an effort to build and sustain contexts where children, educators, and families are companions in thinking together about what it means to belong, to express ideas and emotions, to be engaged in work that honours the intelligence of the participants, and to have a sense of well-being. We can work together to recognize the gravitational pull of long-held but unarticulated views, of practice based on different views of the child, educator and family than those that are identified in How Does Learning Happen?, and together, seek congruity between these views and all aspects of practice.

"If we believe in children's intelligence, it changes us"

Dine'n Learn
Topic: Library Area
Thursday, December 8
ZOOM 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Children and adults need time for quiet reflection, this is why it's so important to have designated space for a cozy retreat. Let's discover why soft pillows, upholstered furniture, rugs, and lighting are key elements in providing an authentic library area.

Fostering Brant`s Growth Peer to Peer

Dates: Thursday, October 20
Thursday, December 1
ZOOM 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Fostering Brant's Growth in Early Learning builds on a foundation in Brant of quality programs in early learning and childcare. This tool is used to encourage reflection and pedagogical documentation as a way of practicing and learning in the early years. The intent is to build upon the philosophy of supporting the whole child, and the child as a part of a family and community. It encourages self-reflection, critical study and analysis through discussion, as well as ongoing collaboration and learning among educators by engaging with families, use of pedagogical documentation and continued professional learning. This year has continued to be a year of change and fluidity and throughout this time, quality programs have been challenged. This year's version of FBG reflected this unique time.

Pervious years, as well as this year, Supervisors meet for a Peer Review Day where they exchanged ideas and thoughts that they would use to enhance quality in their programs.

This year we will be offering the same opportunity to all Early Learning Professionals in the evening. This is an opportunity to learn from each other and hear what is happening in other Early Learning Centres.

Join us as we reflect on the important work we do!

Lansdowne Children's Centre
Serving children and youth with special needs

Lansdowne Child and Family Centre Workshops

The Early Integration Program will be presenting the 2022 workshops on ZOOM. Information on workshops being offered September – December are to be announced at a later date. Please stay tuned.