

PLH | PROFESSIONAL LEARNING HUB

FOR EARLY LEARNING PROFESSIONALS IN BRANT



NEWSLETTER January – June 2024

Professional Learning Hub
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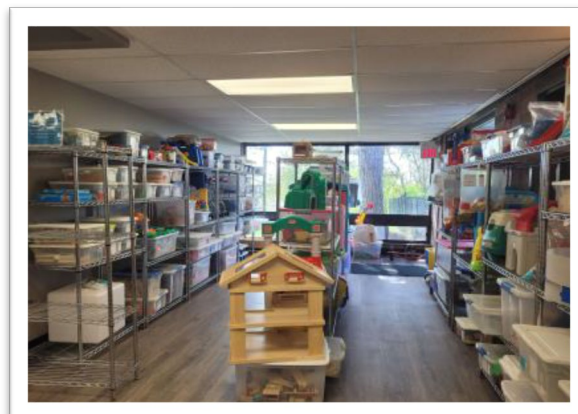
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JANUARY TO JUNE 2024

Hours of Operation for the Professional Learning Hub:

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

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



The Professional Learning Hub will be closed on the following dates:

Saturday December 30th, and Monday January 1st for New Years Day statutory Holiday

Saturday February 17th, and Monday February 19th for Family Day Statutory Holiday

Friday March 29th, for Good Friday Statutory Holiday and Saturday March 30th

Monday April 6th for Easter Monday Statutory Holiday

Saturday May 18th, and Monday May 20th for Victoria Day Statutory Holiday

Saturday June 29th, and Monday July 1st for Canada Day Statutory Holiday

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Annual Membership Pricing

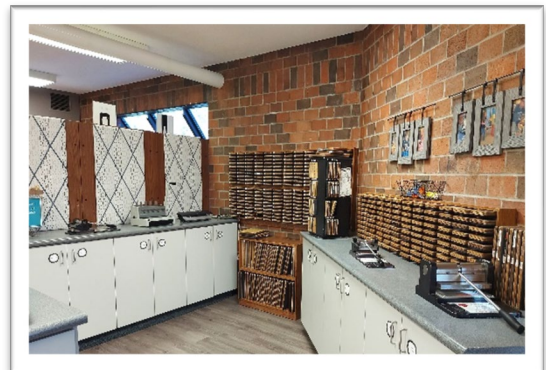
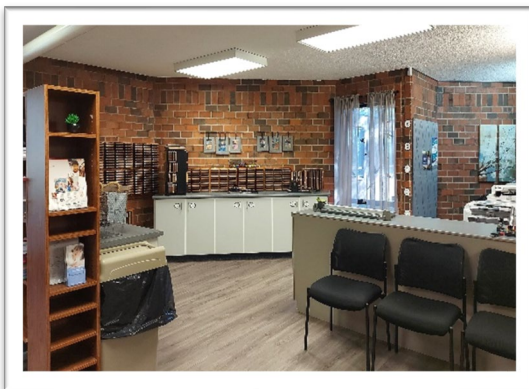
One full membership = Toy Lending & Equipment use

All for \$35.00 a year

Day passes and Punch Cards Also Available

New Organizational Membership Option

All Team Members (3 Person minimum) \$25.00 per person (includes both toy lending and equipment room). If any staff member leaves the team the new team member can use that membership.



Professional Learning Workshops

Take a look at all the exciting Face-to-Face and Zoom workshops that we offer you from January to June 2024. All professional learning workshops are free for Brantford/Brant licensed early learning and childcare centres, licensed home childcare, EarlyON programs, and Lansdowne Child Care Centre Staff. Some workshop registrations are limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment. Call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email registration@eycbrant.ca to register for your workshop and training. Staff will send you the Zoom code prior to any virtual workshops.

Expectations For Zoom Workshops

We would appreciate it if all participants keep their cameras on at all times during the Zoom workshops. This will help us develop rapport and ensure that we are engaging with all participants.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Cancellation Policy for PLH Training

If you are ill and/or unable to attend a workshop or event that you have registered for, if you can please call 519-759-3833 and or email us at registration@eycbrant.ca to cancel in advance of the date. We kindly request that you let us know so we can offer the available space to another Early Learning Professional on the waitlist. This is especially important for our First Aid training series since we always have a waitlist that accrues for this professional learning.

FYI Professional Learning Hub Facebook Page

Did you know that the Professional Learning Hub has a Facebook page? It has awesome information that you will want to follow to learn about:

- ☐ Upcoming professional learning events offered face to face and or virtually
- ☐ Current happenings in the Early Learning and Childcare profession
- ☐ Fun and innovative programming ideas
- ☐ Research articles about the Best Practice and Pedagogy
- ☐ Inspiring Videos
- ☐ Community events page available for you to post events

For cancellations and changes of dates and information

Follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/professionallearninghub>



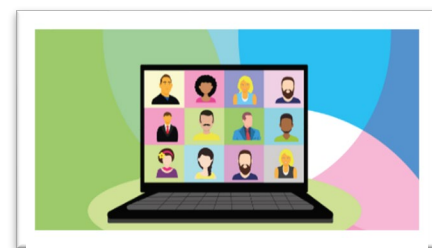
Supervisors Network

Child Care Supervisors are invited to network and share current trends and information at the Supervisors Network meetings. Meetings are scheduled from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm BLENDED (face to face or ZOOM)

Thursday January, 18th

Thursday March, 21st

Thursday May, 16th



To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email registration@eycbrant.ca

Community of Practice: Facilitated by Conestoga Faculty

Bi-Monthly starting again in February

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm via ZOOM

This community of practice invites member of the supervisor's network to reflect on the pedagogical practice in their programs. This year we will focus on discussions about supporting students in Early Learning and child Care Centres

February 15th

April 18th

To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email registration@eycbrant.ca

New Graduate Community of Practice Network- In Person Workshop

Wednesday, January 17th, Wednesday, March 6th, & Wednesday, May 8th

6:30-8:30 pm

30 Bell Lane, Brantford

NEW

This network is for recent graduates of the ECE program.

What an exciting journey that you have begun in Early Learning and Childcare. Each network agenda will be developed based on the needs and interest that the group identifies. Some possible topics might include building your toolbox with songs and fingerplays and so much more!

Topics to be determined at the January 17th workshop.

These workshops are geared to Early Childhood Educators who have been in the field for less than 5 years.



To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email registration@eycbrant.ca

Standard First Aid, Level C CPR In Person Training at 30 Bell Lane Brantford



**Tuesday, January 16
Wednesday, January 17
Thursday, January 18
4:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday March 19
Wednesday March 20
Thursday, March 21
4:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday May 14
Wednesday May 15
Thursday May 16
4:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

***All classes must be attended in their entirety.
*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.

**To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email
registration@eycbrant.ca**

Signed English Language Series

6:30 pm – 8:00 p.m.

In Person Training at 30 Bell Lane, Brantford

Wednesday, January 24th, 31st, February 7th, 14th, 21st

Tuesday, May 21st, 28th, June 4th, 11th, 18th

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 Signed English Starter dictionary book.

To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email registration@eycbrant.ca



3 Mindsets of Resilience

Tuesday, January 30th

6:30 pm -8:00 pm via ZOOM



Together **YOU ARE STRONGER**
3 Mindsets of Resilience

It can be tough to accept change especially when it is not in your control.

Uncertainty can trigger emotions and lead to unwanted stress that can easily influence your team's performance, productivity and morale.

Many may find themselves on a rollercoaster of emotions that seem never ending, causing them to feel overwhelmed.

It's now time to embrace a new mindset in order to connect, collaborate and communicate effectively.

During this presentation I share three mindsets of resilience to help you move through change as a team because ... *Together you are stronger!*

SARA WESTBROOK
Emotional Resilience Strategist
Keynote Speaker

'You clearly have the gift of impacting those around you. The way you injected humour into an otherwise serious presentation was a true gift. Participants are extremely grateful that you shared resources to use in practice.'

Sheri Spriggs / Quality Initiatives Coordinator /
St. Thomas-Elgin Children's Services

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To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email us at registration@eycbrant.ca

Dine & Learn -Active Activities for Toddlers

Monday February 5th

6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom

Do you work with toddlers? Are you looking for ways to keep them active and engaged? Then this workshop is for you! This workshop will give you ideas for some activities to keep your busy toddlers focused with fun activities for their busy bodies!



To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email us at registration@eycbrant.ca

Once Upon a Time: The Art of Storytelling Create & Learn

Date: Saturday, February 10th

9:00 am – 11:00 am

In Person Training at 30 Bell Lane, Brantford

What was your favourite story as a child? The power of storytelling inspires children's imagination. Join us as we bring back the joy of telling stories in the classroom. There will be time for networking, discussion, activities, and you will be creating your own story resources to take back to share with the children in your care. This workshop will be offered in person only.



To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email us at registration@eycbrant.ca

Striving for Excellence Series

In Person Training at 30 Bell Lane

Monday, February 12th: Relationships Workshop

6:30 pm - 8:00 PM

Centre visit to be scheduled.

Monday, March 25th: The Environment as the Third Teacher

6:30 pm - 8:00 PM

Centre visit to be scheduled.



Monday, April 22nd: Pedagogical Documentation/Learning Stories Workshop

6:30 pm – 8:00 PM

Centre visit to be scheduled.

Please note that a light dinner will be provided.

Studies show that when your team is fully involved in professional development, they are more likely to embrace the information and put it into practice and support each other in the process.

Striving for excellence is what we aspire to achieve. By examining the three key areas of the environment, relationships, and pedagogical documentation we will dive deep into discussion, and use examples experienced from your team as research to support our learning. Celebrate your areas of growth, engage in your own learning, and applaud the positive accomplishments.

To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email us at registration@eycbrant.ca

Dine & Learn Sensory Play – A Playful Exploration

Thursday April 11th

6:30-7:30 p.m.

In Person Training at 30 Bell Lane, Brantford

Sensory...A time for children to learn through exploration, peak curiosity, practice problem solving and spark creativity. Sensory play stimulates children's senses and helps them learn about the world around them. Join us for the interactive workshop where we will look at a variety of ways to offer sensory experiences in your classroom.



To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email us at registration@eycbrant.ca

Understanding Schema Play

Wednesday, April 17th

Time-6:30-8:00 p.m. Blended (face to face or ZOOM)

Schemas are described as patterns of repeated actions that allow children to explore and express developing ideas and thoughts through their play and exploration. The repetitive actions of schematic play allow children to construct meaning in what they are doing. Join us in person or via Zoom to explore what the seven Schemas are and how they show up in the children's play in your classroom.



To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email us at registration@eycbrant.ca

SAVE THE DATE!

Balancing Work and Family – Self-Care is Key

Date: Saturday April 27th

**Location: T.B. Costain/SC Johnson
Community Centre**

16 Morrell St. Brantford

Time: 9:00 am -1:00 pm

**Stay tuned...
More information to come!**

What's All This Talk About Mindfulness and How Can it Help Me In My Early Learning Profession?

Wednesday, April 24th

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

In person at 30 Bell Lane, Brantford

Mindfulness has been around for thousands of years; many would say that is one of the best keep secrets.

Mindfulness means paying attention in a particular way.

- ✓ On purpose
- ✓ In the present moment
- ✓ Non-judgmentally



~Jon Kabat-Zinn's

The research proves that mindfulness has many health benefits including lowering of stress, increased productions in areas of brain that control calm, caring and concentration. Mindfulness training has increased people's ability to focus on the here and now vs on worry. It also showed improvements in brain function for learning, memory, emotional regulation, self-awareness, and perspective.

Join us as we dive deeper into how mindfulness can help you as an Early Learning Professional.

Loosen Up! Exploring Loose Parts Play

Wednesday, June 5th

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

In person at 30 Bell Lane, Brantford

This workshop will focus on the value of loose parts play for young children. We will explore the benefits of using loose parts in your program. Come prepared to be “hands-on” with some loose parts. You will leave with lots of ideas for acquiring, presenting and storing your loose parts.



To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email us at registration@eycbrant.ca

Dine and Learn-Tips for the Active Child

Wednesday, June 12th

6:30-7:30 pm Zoom Workshop

Are the busy children wearing you down? Are you running on empty and need new ideas on how to keep them busy and engaged. We will explore some new and different ideas to engage the children and make your days fun.



To register please call the Learning Hub at 519-759-3833 or email us at registration@eycbrant.ca



Tea Time Talks

- The time is yours!
- What's on your mind that you would like to talk about with a Resource Consultant?
- Join us for an informal time to chat and network with colleagues about strategies, techniques, ideas, and resources
- Resource Consultants will be available to facilitate a large group or break into smaller groups depending on the needs of the audience.

Tuesday January 16th, 2024 6:30-7:30pm

Register at the link below:

<https://lansdownecc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqc-GtpigoH9XkFB-zt9-Z5Glf-bXuBOfp>

Every Day is a Surprise!

Tuesday January 23, 2024 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Presented by Early Integration Program for Professionals and Early Learning Educators

Location: HYBRID session (to register see instructions below)

Topics discussed will include:

- Investigate and share ways our learning environments can promote and encourage growth, curiosity, and interest for all even when children have a range of developmental skills.
- Do we praise, encourage comment or label? Let's discuss when to incorporate these techniques and the effects on a child's emotional development.
- Discuss strategies and proactive solutions to meet everyone's needs in a busy environment.

Registration Information:

As this will be a Hybrid session if you wish to attend in person at Lansdowne Children's Centre (39 Mount Pleasant Street) email jmccaffrey@lansdownecc.com

Or register to attend on Zoom via the following link:

<https://lansdownecc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsf-igqj4iGtCVbWrkdI7fHuBdRo7n9KcU>



Let's Do Lunch!

Wednesday February 21, 2024 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Presented by Early Integration Program for Professionals and Early Learning Educators

This discussion-based workshop that will address topics around feeding all types of picky or tricky eaters who are in our Child Care Programs.

Topics will include:

Understanding the factors that help us learn to eat, common reactions to foods and why they occur
How to present foods to children in order to optimize positive eating experiences and strategies for introducing foods to the picky or tricky eater.

How to set up successful meal time routines

Zoom link to register:

<https://lansdownecc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvceCpqzMsHNGFJlni0q2famoMj0MPz7LO>



EXCITING NEWS FOR JANUARY 2024

SAVE THE DATE!! The following workshops are coming to you soon. Lansdowne Children's Centre is making a change in their registration process. By the end of January 2024 all of our workshops will be posted in the Event Calendar on the Lansdowne Children's Centre website.

All you have to do is go to the website <https://www.lansdowneccentre.ca>

Press the Event Calendar tab

On the calendar find the date of the workshop listed below and click on it.

The link will take you to the registration page.

That's all you have to do! If you have any difficulty or questions please email:

jmccaffrey@lansdownecc.com