

Newsletter

September to December
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Professional Learning Hub

For Early Learning Professionals in Brant

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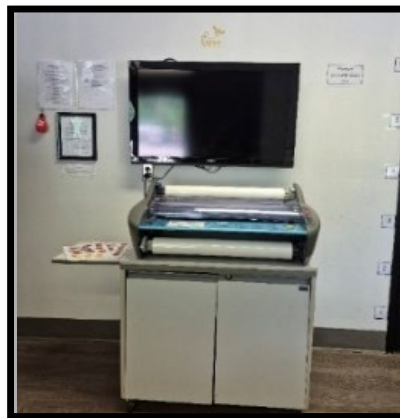
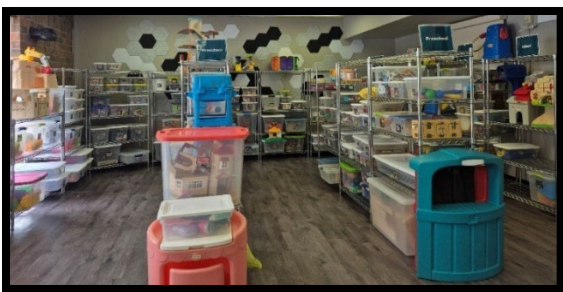
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Look what we did!

Please Come and check out our revamped Toy Lending and Resource Library at 30 Bell Lane, Brantford.

- New toys thanks to the generous donation from Louise, Kool & Galt to enhance and enrich learning
- New Resource Library room location
- Organized the resources based on age
- Laminators, die press, paper cutter and book binding still available
- Please call us to let us know you are coming to use the laminator so we can have it ready for use
- Borrow up to 5 resources bi-weekly for a reasonable fee of \$35.00



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Supervisors & Fostering Brant's Growth Network

Child Care Supervisors are invited to network, share current trends and receive updates in the childcare field.

Meetings are scheduled from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm via Zoom

Meeting Dates:

Thursday September 18th

Thursday October 16th Fostering Brants Growth - Well Being & Expression

Fostering Brants Growth - Showcase Drop Off- Monday, November 3rd -Thursday November 6th

Thursday November 20th - Topics and Guest Speakers to be announced.



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Standard First Aid, Level C CPR

Location: In Person Training at 30 Bell Lane Brantford

Date: Saturday September 20th

Time: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

The online 8-hour portion must be completed before the date of the in-person class. Once you register an email will be sent to you, to start your online portion of the course.

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

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. *Instructor is certified through St. John Ambulance.*



Cancellation Policy

To better meet the needs of educators, we have developed a policy that you must give a minimum 2 week notice if you must cancel your registered CPR/First Aid training. If we do not get 2-week minimum notice and there is insufficient reason for the cancellation, we will be charging the CPR/First Aid training fee of \$65.00.

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BOOK CLUB: Book: *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo

Location: In Person Workshop at 30 Bell Lane

Dates: Thursday September 25th

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm



Karen Bulmer has worked in the field of child welfare for over 20 years, working with children, youth and families in a variety of roles. Karen is the Service Manager with the Child Development Unit with Child and Family Services of Grand Erie. In this role, Karen and her team facilitate EarlyON Child and Family Centres for families in the City of Brantford and Brant County. Karen is a co-chair of Sankofa, the Anti-Black Racism committee at Child and Family Services of Grand Erie. Karen is also a cohost of “The Messiness of Parenting” podcast. Karen is committed to collaborative leadership; innovative systems change and fostering welcoming and inclusive spaces. Karen is an avid reader, crafter and podcast listener!

You're Invited: A Book Club Conversation on *White Fragility*

Exploring race, discomfort, and our role in the system

We invite you to join us for a book club centered around Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*. This is not just a reading group—it's an opportunity to reflect, learn, and grow together as we begin to confront the uncomfortable truths about how racism shows up in our lives and communities.

We recognize that conversations about race can feel intimidating—especially when there's a fear of saying the “wrong thing” or making a mistake. But discomfort is a necessary part of growth, and this space is meant to be one of humility, not perfection. This group will not be a space for judgement, but for honesty, courage, and the willingness to listen and learn.

Our aim is not to arrive at easy answers, but to begin asking deeper questions—about how the system of racism shapes our lives, how we might unknowingly uphold it, and most importantly, how we can begin to interrupt it.

This book club is a **starting point**, not a destination. We hope you'll join us in this important and ongoing work.

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Dine and Learn: Communication

Location: Via Zoom

Dates: Wednesday October 1st

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Join us for an engaging and practical workshop designed to equip you with the tools to navigate tough interactions with confidence and clarity. Whether you're dealing with passive-aggressiveness, resistance, or chronic conflict, this session will help you shift frustration into productive dialogue. Understanding what makes people challenging and insights into personality types are key to handling real-life challenging conversations.

During the workshop we will have the opportunity work through some common scenarios that Early Learning Professionals deal with each day!



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Beyond Dress-Up: The Power of Pretend”

Location: In Person Workshop at 30 Bell Lane

Dates: Tuesday October 7th

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Have you ever watched a child become a vet, a chef, or a superhero—all before snack time? That's the magic of *dramatic play*, and it's more than just make-believe.

You're invited to a hands-on exploration- create to learn session of how dramatic play empowers children to build language, social-emotional skills, and creative problem-solving-all through imagination. Join us for an engaging session that brings theory to life and shows how pretend play can become one of the most powerful parts of your classroom.



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Fostering Brant's Growth Showcase

During the past year, you have been taking pictures of your classrooms, invitations to play and documenting learning stories (without children's faces) to share with other Early Learning Professionals.

This work will be displayed at the Professional Learning Hub. All Early Learning Professionals are invited to come and view and learn from each other as they share the important work they do. You are encouraged to attend.

Visiting Hours

Saturday November 8th – Saturday November 15: Early Learning Professionals (your team) will have the opportunity to visit the showcase at the Professional Learning Hub, 30 Bell Lane

Saturday November 8th & 15th 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Wednesday November 12th 9:00 am -7:00 pm

**Monday November 10th, Tuesday November 11th, Thursday November 13th,
9:00 am – 4:00 pm**



Hope to see you there!

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Dine and Learn: Can you answer these True or False questions?

Location: Via Zoom

Dates: Tuesday November 4th

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Can you answer these True or False questions?

1. 🌱 Children learn best about nature by staying indoors.
2. 🐞 Bugs, mud, and puddles are essential tools for learning.
3. 🌳 Outdoor play has no impact on a child's mental health.
4. 🌍 Teaching sustainability can start in preschool.
5. 🍁 You need a forest to teach children about the environment.

If you guessed “False, True, False, True, False” -you’re ready for this workshop!
Join us for an interactive session where we’ll explore how to bring the learning environment to life in early years settings - no matter your space or budget.



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Signed English Sign Language Series

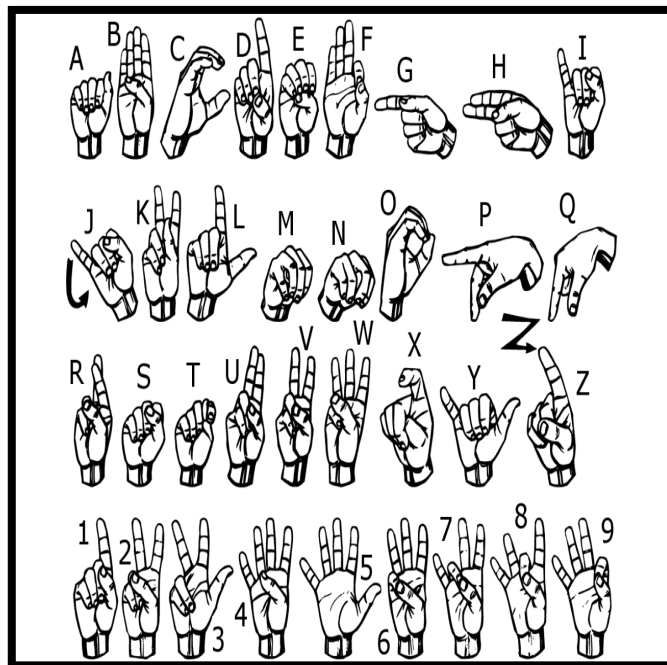
Location: In Person Training at 30 Bell Lane Brantford

Dates: Thursdays, November 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th December 4th

Time: 6:30 pm – 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.

This is a certificate course.



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Neurodiversity

Location: via zoom

Partnership with Lansdowne Children's Centre

Dates: Thursday November 13th

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

This interactive workshop explores the concept of neurodiversity, emphasizing the value of cognitive differences such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other neurological variations.



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The Professional Learning Hub would like to extend our thanks to Louise Kool & Galt for their 2025 donation to our lending library. We have been able to purchase new resources and materials to add to our library.

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