

EVERYDAY CHALLENGES FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Presented by



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Delta Calgary South
135 Southland Dr. SE
Calgary, AB

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Registration Continental Breakfast Location: Poplar Room	
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Comments Location: Poplar Room	
9:00 AM – 10:00 PM	Keynote: Value and Rewards of “Risky Play” Facilitator: Launa Clark Location: TBD	
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Break Location: TBD	
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Time Efficient Learning Stories Facilitators: Launa Clark and Drew Williams Location: TBD	The Effects of Domestic Abuse on Children Facilitator: Lindsay Durand Location: TBD
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Location: TBD	
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Train the Trainer: Parent Café – The Core Brain Story Facilitators: Krista Mascher Location: TBD	Loose Parts Curriculum and Special Needs Children Facilitator: Belinda Ziehl Location: TBD
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Break: Location: TBD	
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM		Creating Messy Play Facilitator: Lynleigh Keats Location: TBD
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Door Prize and Closing Remarks	



Conference Agenda

Session Cost per Person

\$200.00 plus GST - \$210.00 (Early Bird Rate until January 31, 2018)

\$225.00 plus GST - \$236.25 (After January 31, 2018)

Please register on our website – The registration will prompt you to choose one of the above sessions.

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Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks provided

PD Funding Available



Keynote: Values and Rewards of “Risky Play” – Facilitated by Launa Clark

Recently, there has been a lot of attention brought to the important role of risky play in the lives of young children. In this session, we will take a look at the support for risky play in the forms of play charters and position statements in addition to the importance of the mindset of the caregiver around this active engaged type of play. By understanding the elements of brain science that are enhanced with risky play, we are better able to set up environments and have conversations with both children and adults. Come take a risk as explore with us!

Morning Session Options

Time Efficient Learning Stories – Facilitated by Krista Carter and Drew Williams

Where do we get the time to add one more thing to our day! We continue to hear of the incredible value of learning stores, but struggle with the time to add them to our already full days. In this session, we explore a formula for writing an effective and interesting learning story without stealing all your free time. The session takes a look at how to use technology to evidence the excellent work you do every day in a time effective way.

Requirements for the Session:

- *Laptops*
- *Observations of a child*
- *Picture of the child*

Or

Effects of Domestic Abuse on Children – Facilitated by Lindsay Durand

Living in a home where domestic abuse is present can change the development and behavior of children and often the effect on children can be very traumatic. This session will briefly touch on what domestic abuse is, and will focus on recognizing signs that may be present if children are witnessing abuse at home, as well as provide insight and suggestions for working with these children.



Afternoon Session Options

Train the trainer: Parent Café – The Core Brain Story Conversation – Facilitated by Krista Mascher from the Café Institute

We continuously hear that Accreditation – Standard 5 – Outcomes for Community is challenging to evidence. This session is a train the trainer session based on a Parent Café delivery that is a tool to support an intentional connection and sharing with community. This three hour session will equip professionals to engage in conversation formally and informally about the importance of the core brain story. The session will be delivered by the authors of the Parent Café – Early Years Conversations with Café Institute. Please note there is an additional cost for the text for this session.

Or

Loose Parts Curriculum and Special Needs Children – Facilitated by Belinda Ziehl

Loose Parts Curriculum with Special Needs Children: This session will share insights and learning from past conference participants that adapted the Loose Parts Curriculum with their work within the education system, specifically with their work with special needs children. This session identifies how open ended experiences support the ability to assess cognitive, physical and social skills with challenged children. As an Occupational Therapist Assistant, this presenter is able to offer an interesting lens to the value and potential of using loose parts to support children in expressing their abilities and strengths.

And

Creating Messy Play – Facilitated by Lynleigh Keat

Remember the sensation of letting the mud ooze through your bare toes or squishing a fresh blob of finger paint! Why are these sensations more vivid in our childhood memories? The intense sensory experience is an incredible tool in connecting synapses in the young brain. In this session we will take a look at practical, economical activities that provide high sensory value. You will be able to address, with confidence, the value of messy play for young children (and adults). You will no longer be able to say they are “just playing”.



About Our Presenters

Launa Clark

Launa is passionate about helping people see their own potential to make small changes for a big difference in the lives of those around them. She has worked a majority of her career with professionals serving young children & families as well as post-secondary education in the Early Learning programs. She continues to be an innovator around what it take to create social change and believes that a playful intention combine with wicked intelligence are the secret ingredients to learning a new way to influence and make a difference.

Krista Carter

In an ideal world Krista believes that every child has the right to the highest level of quality education and care and has spent the last 20 years on this mission. Originally from Ottawa, ON Krista brings with her a comprehensive understanding of the complex nature that is early learning and continues to push the bar towards excellence here in Alberta. Krista is most proud of her years as an educator having had the privilege of positively impacting so many lives. Going forwards Krista is focusing that passion and enthusiasm on developing the competencies of educators in hopes of seeing her vision become a reality.

Drew Williams (Story park)

Drew grew up in Waterdown, Ontario where he was part of a family of five – all of whom believe in the importance of strong values and character. He was raised by parents who dedicated their life to education and went to the YMCA afterschool program.

Lynleigh Keats

Lynleigh Keats is a front line preschool educator at Mount Royal University Childcare Centre. Her personal philosophy on early childhood is one rooted in time spent outdoors exploring the natural world and how it works. In her spare time she enjoys hiking and camping in the mountains.

Lindsay Durand

Lindsay Durand has been working for Rowan House Society since January 2013. She started as a Crisis Intervention Worker before transitioning to the role of Preventative Education Facilitator in February of 2014. Lindsay has previously had experience with crisis counseling at the Calgary Distress Centre, and experience working with children in a daycare setting before beginning



work at Rowan House. Her educational background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Child Studies and a Children's Mental Health Certificate from Mount Royal University.

Belinda Ziehl

Belinda has had the privilege of working with families and children from the special needs community for the past twelve years. As a lifelong learner, she has completed education in the field of special needs, predominantly focusing on fine and gross motor development. Belinda believes that all children, regardless of ability, can develop through carefully selected play activities. Through her work within the Foothills area, she has recently incorporated loose parts play into her sessions to enhance the child's interest in sensory-motor experiences while strengthening cognitive, speech, language and social-emotional skills. Belinda has a passion for teaching others, especially parents and educators, on recognizing how to use play and curiosity as a method to increase the child's overall development.



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