

West Kootenay Early Years Conference

CONNECTING FOR CHILDREN

2011

April 8, 9

Prestige Mountain Resort and Conference Centre **Rossland BC**



early Years
Starting out Right.

Opening Message

Welcome to “Connecting for Children” 2011 Early Years Conference

This Conference has come together through collaboration of many service providers on behalf of the children and families they work with. We have worked together, sharing resources, ideas, skills and energy to produce a comprehensive conference program.

The Conference Committee is co-hosting this event with the Greater Trail Success by 6 Community Table and the Castlegar Early Childhood Advisory Council.

In the West Kootenay, we have long recognized the benefit of “connecting for children.” In all communities, early years service providers come together regularly to identify gaps in services and develop solutions, thereby maximizing limited resources and enhancing services to families.

We have collectively put together a program of interest to a wide range of professionals who work with children and parents. Speakers are coming from near and far to share their expertise. We will offer the most popular workshops again later in the year as ongoing Pro-D opportunities along with others you ask for. This Conference marks the beginning of that work in the region as you share expertise, learn new skills and enjoy wonderful West Kootenay hospitality.

See you in April!!

*Early Years Conference 2011 Planning Committee
Greater Trail Success by 6 Community Table
Castlegar Early Childhood Advisory Council*



Conference Planning Committee

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Special thanks to photographers Theresa St Jean-Crockett (www.photographybytheresa.ca) and Stephenie Ward, and other parents who contributed photos of their children.

Conference Schedule At a Glance

Friday, APRIL 8

REGISTRATION	7:30 am
BUSINESS AWARDS BREAKFAST	8:30 - 10:10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Buffet Breakfast■ Opening Remarks■ Presentation of Family Friendly Business Awards■ Keynote Address - Sharon Gregson
BREAK	10:15 - 10:30 am
WORKSHOP SESSIONS A	10:30 am - 12:30 pm
LUNCH (on own)	12:30 - 2:00 pm
WORKSHOP SESSIONS B	2:00 - 4:00 pm
AWARDS BANQUET	6:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Exceptional Early Childhood Educator Award■ Exceptional Family Child Care Provider Award■ Entertainment - Baladi Moon Dance Troupe

Saturday, APRIL 9

REGISTRATION	8:00 am
WELCOME	8:30 - 9:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Continental Breakfast■ Opening Remarks■ Meet Reggio Emilia
TRADE FAIR	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
WORKSHOP SESSIONS C	9:30 - 11:30 am
LUNCH	11:30 am - 1:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Bagged lunch while you tour the Trade Fair
WORKSHOP SESSIONS D	1:00 - 3:00 pm

Conference Highlights

Business Awards Breakfast

Friday April 8, 2011, 8:30 – 10:10 am

Investing in Families Is Good for Business: we will once again recognize those in the business sector who are "Family Friendly." Awards will be presented to Family Friendly Employers and Family Friendly Businesses.

Sponsored by our Success by 6 Partners



Trade Fair

Plan to shop at the Trade Fair, **Saturday, April 9th**. Local vendors will be on hand displaying the latest in children's toys, equipment, and learning materials. There will also be self-care products for busy professionals. Hosted by Castlegar Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Early Childhood Awards Banquet

Friday April 9, 2011, 6:00 pm

The banquet provides an opportunity to honour the recipients of the Exceptional Early Childhood Educator and Exceptional Family Child Care Provider Awards. Join us for an evening of friendship, fine food and fun. Be entertained by and join in with the Baladi Moon Dance Troupe.

Baladi Moon Dance Troupe

This West Kootenay bellydance ensemble represents various cultures, traditions and dance styles from around the world. This troupe incorporates many props including canes, veils, candles, Isis wings and more.

The Baladi Moon Dancers dance with passion and grace, letting their love for dance light up their performances.

They set a mood of fun and celebration while adding warmth, mystery and magic.



Keynote Presenter

Sharon Gregson is an elected Trustee on the Vancouver Board of Education and works with the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC. She was a CCAAC representative on the Child Care Human Resources Sector Council.



Currently, Sharon manages the Family Place at Collingwood Neighbourhood House comprised of 11 licensed child care and preschool programs, 2 aboriginal programs, 2 Strong Start Programs, CAPC, and a Success by 6 program.

She is an outspoken advocate municipally, provincially, and federally for quality child care services.

Sharon works for a stronger public education system that includes the early years.

The Plan for an Integrated System of Early Care and Learning in BC

Sharon will introduce the plan, developed by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC – with input from thousands of British Columbians.

Change is upon us and it's time for the child care community to be proactive and lead the way with a Plan for how BC can and should integrate early care and learning.

Highlights of the Plan include:

- An Early Care and Learning Act to enshrine the rights of young children and the rights of families.
- A new home for all early care and learning programs in the Ministry of Education.
- Early Care and Learning Plans developed by Boards of Education.
- Early Years Centres – a more appropriate approach than pre-Kindergarten.
- A process to integrate existing group and family child care and preschool into Early Years Centres.
- An enhanced approach to Kindergarten and Grade 1.
- A workforce development plan.

Families need access to quality care. Quality child care IS early learning. Current policies do not meet the needs of BC's children and working families. Public spending on the early years is a wise social and economic investment. Quality matters.

We know the status quo in BC is not acceptable. National and International evidence gives us hope that this Plan is a way forward to integrate the best of child care with the advantages of our education system.



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Workshop Sessions A

Friday April 8

10:30 – 12:30

A1 Cultivating Organizational Change Part I

For Early Childhood Program Administrators only.

Barb Wells

This workshop addresses aspects of leadership including working as an effective team, understanding and acknowledging the many personalities of staff, conflict resolution – how to support resolving staff issues and conflicts, motivating the unmotivated staff.

Part 1: Barb will explore with centre administrators our unique internal worlds and lay the ground work for cultivating organizational change.

Part 2: The focus of the afternoon will be on the specifics of that groundwork such as workplace environments, individual leadership styles, personal mastery and intentional leadership, our relationship with others, emotional exhaustion or burnout, and successful responses.

You must register for both parts of this two-part workshop, morning and afternoon.

Barb Wells has a private counselling (psychotherapy) practice, working with individuals, couples, and families. She is an addiction specialist and clinical consultant; co-founder of Blueprints for Relationships—a collective of therapists working collaboratively with couples to cultivate the foundation for equitable separation and fair divorce that is children friendly. She is a workshop/Seminar facilitator, most recently facilitating a workshop for the Kootenay Boundary Community Services Co-operative. She has a Masters degree in Educational Counselling with an emphasis on Organizational Change.



A2 Supporting the Development of Emotional Maturity Part I

An Intermediate Level Workshop.

Myrna Martin

Myrna will detail how you can establish the groundwork for developing emotional maturity and self-regulation in the children you work with, using group tools for all children. There will be a hands on/hearts on demonstration of these tools.

Workshop Sessions A

Part 1: Myrna will map out a framework for understanding the underlying reasons for children's behavior from an attachment perspective, presenting cutting edge science that details the multigenerational patterns of behavior.

Part 2: Myrna will focus on difficult to manage behavior and effective responses. She will speak of creating safe spaces for children who are expressing anger, negativity, anxiety and early childhood depression. She will use an interactive format inviting you to practice and play with the skills she shares with you. Some video tape of these tools in action will be shown.

You must register for both parts of this two-part workshop, morning and afternoon.

Myrna Martin has 40 years of experience working with children and families, as a public health nurse, family therapist, craniosacral therapist and an attachment specialist. She has a private practice in Nelson, and travels widely in the USA, Europe and Canada to give seminars, experiential workshops and trainings.

A3 The Needs of the Human Animal

An Advanced Level Workshop for "front line" workers like clinicians, educators, and "ground-level" administrators.

Steve Heynen

This presentation will explore the real basis of human needs. We take it for granted that an animal is happiest when it is allowed to be "as it was meant to be": in its natural environment, doing what evolution designed it to do. Somehow we have come to view our situation as human beings in a different light, and have traded what is natural to us for wealth, comfort, long lives and abundant choice; perhaps without even realizing that we were doing so.



Drawing on insights from Jean Leidloff's The Continuum Concept as well as contemporary neuroscience and developmental theory, this presentation will build the case that human development and happiness are best served by an environment that provides what evolution built us to expect. Clearly, we cannot return to the environment in which our current form evolved thousands of years ago, but in this presentation key features of that environment will be identified, along

with practical suggestions as to how those features can be replicated in our families, schools, child care programs, therapies and culture.

Steve Heynen is a graduate of the Kutenai Art Therapy Institute and has been working in the Slocan Valley for the last 3 years as a Child and Youth Mental Health Counselor. He also works as an instructor at the Kutenai Art Therapy Institute. His current course load includes Human Development, Art Therapy theory and thesis supervision. He has presented on his thesis topic (aggression in children) at a number of conferences (including the Early Years series).

Workshop Sessions A

A4 Encouraging Positive Behaviour

An Intermediate Level Workshop.

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Laura Munoz – Occupational Therapist, Kootenay Kids

Maria Morley – Physiotherapist, Kootenay Kids

Rosie Eberle & Deb Saville – Speech Language Pathologists, IHA

Sherry Tolman – Supported Child Development, Kootenay Family Place

This workshop will be a multi-disciplinary information session teaching ways to put preventative strategies in place to support all children's social emotional needs. Facilitators will focus on how the following concepts affect behaviour and offer practical ideas in each area:

- Awareness of sensory issues and self-regulation
- Using child-directed play and creating opportunities for gross motor development
- Impact of verbal and non-verbal communication, language and brain development on behavior
- Teaching social skills (understanding, apologizing, being helpful, giving compliments); Errorless Instruction, 4 Principles of Using Encouragement, and Teaching Relaxation

A5 Story Baskets

An Introductory to Intermediate Level Workshop.



Sponsored by: **ECCE PROGRAM**

Aanyta Fahrenbruch and Taya Whitehead

Make your very own Story Basket and learn how to tell stories using simple props and materials. Story baskets help to revive the art of oral storytelling, increasing a child's literacy skills and encouraging their engagement with stories in a whole new way. An exciting experience for both the educator and the child.



Story baskets are based on the teachings of Susan Munzer and her book "Play to Learn-Learn to Play." You will become familiar with Susan's approach and then create your own Story Basket exploring your talent as a storyteller. At the end of the workshop every participant will have their very own Story Basket to take away.

Aanyta Fahrenbruch has worked in the Early Years Sector as an Educator for 28 years. She brings a wealth of experience working with children from infancy to school age having been a European trained Waldorf teacher with ECE, preschool teacher, kindergarten teacher and child care centre manager. Aanyta works for the West Kootenay Child Care Resource and Referral Program as the former Outreach consultant and most recently as the Program Manager, as well as teaching for Selkirk College in the ECCE program.

Taya Whitehead has worked in the ECCE field for the past 12 years. Her passion has been working with children who have extra support needs and supporting child care facilities in inclusive practice. Taya was the Program Manager for the West Kootenay Boundary Supported Child Development Program for 7 years, and has spent the last 3 years instructing the Early Childhood Care and Education Program at Selkirk College.

Workshop Sessions B

Friday April 8

2:00 – 4:00

B1 Cultivating Organizational Change Part 2

For Early Childhood Program Administrators only.

Barb Wells

B2 Supporting the Development of Emotional Maturity Part 2

An Intermediate Level Workshop.

Myrna Martin

B3 Children are the most sacred gifts: Enhancing the cultural experience for our children.

An Introductory Level Workshop for anyone with a passion for Aboriginal children and families.

Sponsored by:



Danica Lee

In Aboriginal culture, children are viewed as the most precious and sacred gifts from the Creator. Our children and families have unique life experiences based on the urban environment to which we live and the West Kootenay has a large, diverse Aboriginal population. It is our responsibility to create nurturing and inclusive, culturally relevant learning environments for our children.



This hands-on workshop is designed to inspire participants to include and acknowledge Aboriginal culture in their work with children and families. Throughout the workshop participants will create their own Aboriginal rattle to connect with culture at its roots. The rattle can be used in teachings during circle time and can enhance the experience for all children involved. We will discuss and learn new ways to engage and excite children and families to learn about Aboriginal culture. Be prepared to get messy and have fun!

Danica Lee's ancestry is Cree and her family is from Peguis First Nation in Manitoba. She was born and raised in Nelson, BC as a visitor on this traditional territory. She works in the community alongside Aboriginal children and families with Kootenay Kids Society, with School District #8, and as the co-coordinator of the Talking Little Feet Council. Recently graduating from the University of Victoria with a Bachelors degree in social work (Indigenous Child Welfare specialization), she is very proud to be Aboriginal and to share her culture with others.

Workshop Sessions B

B4 Outdoor Adventuring and Curriculum Too!

An Introductory to Intermediate Level Workshop.

Natalie Lucas

Not too long ago, terms like “nature deficit disorder” and “biophobia” were unheard of. Today, statistics tell us that children spend much less time outdoors. To address these issues and others, “Valhalla Trails” Outdoor Adventuring takes children out to the forest, neighbourhood ponds, and the backyard.

In this workshop, Natalie will take you, the educator, through these environments. Together you will discover some of the endless possibilities of learning in all curriculum areas that can take place outside the four-walled classroom. Using stories, displays and discussions, Natalie will focus on how educators can nurture “nature” connections and support learning moments in their own outdoor environments.

Natalie Lucas is director and ECE at Wee Ones and Valhalla Children's Center in the Slocan Valley. Natalie is a recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence, a Participant in the Investigating Quality project and a partner in the Leadership Project called "Salmon Speaks" initiated by the centers' children. <http://salmonspeaks.ca>



B5 Separation and Divorce: Putting Kids First

An Introductory Level Workshop.

Tracey Kikals



The process of separation and divorce is challenging for both parents and children. Family changes can bewilder and upset children but the good news is they can travel successfully through major life transitions with the right kinds of support. This workshop will look at the role of professionals in supporting children and their parents through divorce and separation. Participants will gain an understanding of how separation affects children and strategies to assist children through the separation. Information regarding the emotional experience of separation for adults and strategies to help them parent in ways that are beneficial for their children during this transition will also be explored.

Tracey Kikals has been working with young children and their families for over 20 years. She has been involved in a diverse range of programs focusing on early development, including childcare programs, programs for young parents, family resource programs and parenting education. Tracey is committed to empowering parents to be the best parents they possibly can be and to creating programs for families that are built on community partnerships and foster community connection. She currently resides in Nelson, B.C. and has two sons, Damian, 22 and Michael 20.

Workshop Sessions C

Saturday April 9

9:30 – 11:30

CI Pedagogical Narration, Emergent Curriculum, Reggio-Inspired, Early Learning Framework: What Does it all Mean? Part I

An Introductory to Intermediate Level Workshop for any educator who wants to use current Best Practice in their work with young children.

Cathy Paton and Natalie Lucas

When hearing phrases like “Reggio-Inspired”, “Pedagogical Narrations”, “Emergent Curriculum”, “Early Learning Framework”, “children as active citizens”, do you feel unsure, curious, maybe even overwhelmed? Practically speaking, what could that look like in your classroom or centre? Cathy and Natalie will lead participants on an inspiring journey of learning and self-reflection as you consider your own image of the child and how that image affects your work with children. Using stories, displays and discussion we will focus on supporting learning moments and helping children be active citizens in their own learning.



Part 1 of this presentation will address these latest phrases as well as the view of the child as being an active citizen in their learning.

Part 2 Using pedagogical narrations, as examples of real learning moments, we will focus on how educators can support learning moments in their own environments and become comfortable with BC's Early Learning Framework.

You must register for both parts of this two-part workshop, morning and afternoon.

Natalie and Cathy invite you to join them on this journey of learning and sharing, clarification and inspiration.

Cathy Paton is a Field Leader for The Early Learning Framework Implementation Project. She has been an Early Childhood Educator for 25 years. She is currently the Director of Salmo Children's Centre and a Participant in the Investigating Quality in ECE Project.

Natalie's bio can be found on page 10.

Workshop Sessions C

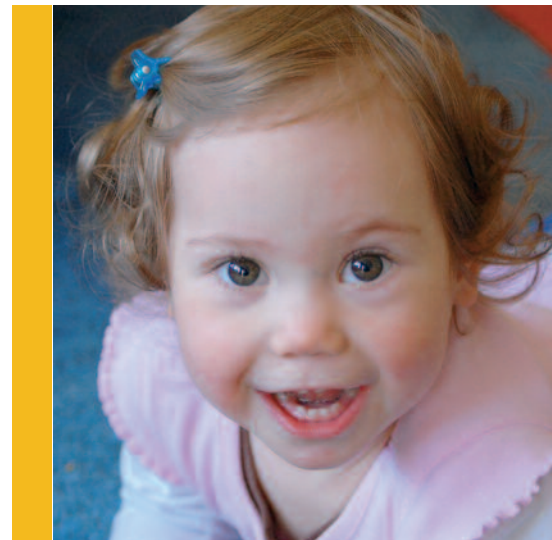
C2 Ouch! That hurts!! - Redirecting the Punch

An Introductory to Advanced Level Workshop for parents, caregivers and educators.

Teresa Bouchard

Do you have or know children who have difficulty managing their anger and can be aggressive? Want some strategies that will help these children learn safe and acceptable ways to express and release their feelings that are not hurtful to others, property or to themselves? Let's help them find their control switches and support them to develop self-control, self-discipline and use their power in helpful, not hurtful ways.

Teresa Bouchard, Occupational Therapist, Educator, Parent Coach/Consultant, wife and mother of two young boys, empowers parents to create the family life they want and gives parents, teachers, and childcare providers the tools and strategies they need in "Raising Respectful, Resourceful and Responsible Children".



C3 A Reggio-Inspired Transformation of Our Learning Environment

An Introductory to Intermediate Level Workshop.

Mary Bennett and Amy Ward



We will take our participants through the transformation of our learning environment with a combination of photos, PowerPoint, documentation, discussion and tangible examples. Learn how we created a room full of natural items, culturally relevant materials, and "unconventional toys", all on a limited budget. Utilizing our environment as the third teacher helps develop more engaging, creative children and provides them, and us, with a beautiful, respectful place to learn and play.



Mary Bennett has been in the field for 13 years and has spent the last 11 years on campus at the Cariboo Child Care Society. As the Liaison to Thompson Rivers University ECE Program, she works directly with the Early Childhood Education students, as well as the instructors as a mentor, practicum supervisor and seminar facilitator. Previous to working at Cariboo, she worked in Supported Child Care as well as at a Montessori Program. Mary has been presenting for the past 8 years in Kamloops, at the ECEBC Conference, as well as in other regions.

Amy Ward has her ECE Diploma/Special Needs/IT and is heading to Capilano University this fall to complete her ECE Degree. She has worked in the field for 6 years at Cariboo Child Care in Kamloops; 4 years with the 3-5s program, 1 year as the office assistant and currently with the toddler program. She presented The Connection between Print and Drawing and Reggio Inspired Transformation at ECEBC's annual Conference in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The Reggio workshop has also been presented in Quesnel. Amy is getting ready for a trip to Tanzania, Africa this June where she hopes to gain some great experience and knowledge to bring back to Canada.

Workshop Sessions C

C4 Anxiety as a Learning Barrier

An Intermediate to Advanced Level Workshop for child care providers, teachers, counselors and mental health workers.

Christine Lummis

Anxiety can shut down clear thinking in the best of us. This presentation will explore the work of Dr. Bruce Perry who describes how maltreated children often operate on a basic level of alarm interfering with their emotional maturity and ability to learn. Dr. Perry's Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics will be introduced with a specific focus on discussing how fear reduces learning in everyday situations, the role of regulation, and strategies to assist children in self-regulating.

Christine Lummis BA, DKATI, RCAT, is a Registered Art Therapist and International presenter with 14 years experience. Christine currently works in the Children Who Witness Abuse and the Sexual Abuse Intervention Program. She is a guest instructor at the Kootenai Art Therapy Institute and former Vice President of the Canadian Art Therapy Association. She has written a manual on The Use of Art Therapy in the Treatment of Addictions. www.arttherapyservices.ca

C5 Make and Take Fabulously Fun Finger Puppets

An Introductory Level Workshop.

Sonia Tavares and Desneiges Profili

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This fun and informative “make and take” workshop will discuss how props/puppets/felt stories contribute to successful literacy activities. Feltboard stories and fingerplay rhymes will be shared. Participants will learn some tips and tricks for making their own finger/glove puppet on a budget and take home a finished product and resource booklet with many other ideas. Some background theory will be discussed on emergent literacy and how things can be added to enhance areas throughout your classroom. The value of props to enhance oral language will be discussed. Come and have some fun! Please bring a pair of scissors. All other material will be provided.



Sonia Tavares, working in the field for over 19 years, received her training and earned a two-year honours diploma in Early Childhood Education and then went on to complete a one year certificate in an Advanced Studies Certificate in Special Needs in Ontario. Sonia is the Program Co-ordinator for the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) in Greater Trail and the Co-ordinator for the Success By 6 Community Table in Greater Trail. A past recipient of the Prime Ministers Award of Excellence in Early Childhood Education, her greatest satisfaction comes from fostering community partnerships and ensuring families receive the highest level of service.

Desneiges Profili, resides in beautiful Trail with her husband and three children. After completing her Bachelor of Arts and then Bachelor of Education degree from UBC, Desneiges began working with the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL). As the Community Literacy Coordinator in Greater Trail, she works closely with parents/caregivers to provide them with support and knowledge about the power of literacy and lifelong learning. Learning is truly her passion and one of her favourite quotes is... “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go” by Dr. Seuss.

Workshop Sessions D

Saturday April 9

1:00 – 3:00 pm

D1 Pedagogical Narration, Emergent Curriculum, Reggio-Inspired, Early Learning Framework: What Does it all Mean? Part 2

An Introductory to Intermediate Level Workshop for any educator who wants to use current best practice in their work with young children.

Cathy Paton and Natalie Lucas

D2 Pitfalls of Praise

An Introductory to Advanced Level Workshop for caregivers, educators, parents.

Teresa Bouchard

Wondering what really motivates children to learn, persevere, and succeed? Looking for ways to acknowledge your children for their achievements, accomplishments and contributions that will encourage them to be thinkers and leaders, be resilient, and have healthy self esteem? Join Teresa as she share the “Pitfalls of Praise” and offers more effective strategies that help motivate children to do well for themselves.

Teresa’s bio can be found on page 11.



D3 Getting Your Message Out

An Introductory to Intermediate Level Workshop.

Helen Lutz

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The media is almost never your enemy and so often your friend. But, as with any relationship it requires some ground rules and a little effort. Helen will give you the basic tools and knowledge you will need to become confident in Getting Your Message Out.

Helen Lutz moved into the non profit sector 3 years ago, following a 17 year career in public health nutrition. She enjoys working in the sector, particularly in her focus areas of member services and communications. Helen has written extensively for public audiences, including “Food for Thought”, a monthly article in the Kootenay Express, and was a host on Kootenay Co-op Radio’s “Nelson Before Nine.” When not working, you will find Helen enjoying the great outdoors with her husband and sons or sitting quietly with her water color paints.



Workshop Sessions D

D4 Actively Taking a Time-out.

An Intermediate to Advanced Level Workshop for child care providers, teachers, counselors and mental health workers.

Christine Lummis

This experiential workshop will provide an opportunity for caregivers and practitioners to actively participate in exploring self-care. A brief discussion on burn-out and compassion fatigue will be followed by self-care strategies and practice including body-focused relaxation techniques, expressive art activities, and time to reflect.

Christine's bio can be found on page 13.



D5 Literacy Through Art

An Introductory to Intermediate Level Workshop.

Teresa Segstro and Nancy Ferguson

Come and explore some fabulous children's books and learn how to expand ideas and create beautiful art projects. We will share many children's books and see examples of how to develop literacy through different art techniques. At the end of the session you will have a chance to explore some specific art mediums that have been discussed. You will leave with a list of books and related art ideas to use in your program. We welcome you to bring books and ideas to share.



Teresa Segstro is an Early Childhood Educator with a specialty in Supported Child Care. She has owned and operated Kootenay Kinderschool for the past 26 years. Teresa will bring her love of good children's books and art together to share her exciting ideas with you.

Nancy Ferguson has been a primary teacher in the public school system for the last 19 years and has been teaching Kindergarten in the Gordon Sargent Primary program for the last 13 years. Nancy enjoys bringing books to life for children through her love of music and art.

Conference Registration Fees

20% DISCOUNT: for Kootenay Boundary Community Services Co-operative Member Agency employees (Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services, Boundary Family & Individual Services Society, Castlegar & District Community Services Society, Kootenay Family Place, Kootenay Kids, Kutenai Art Therapy Institute, Nelson CARES Society, Nelson Community Services, North Kootenay Lake Community Services, Salmo Community Resource Society, Smum Iem, Trail FAIR, Trail Skills Centre).

CERTIFICATES FOR PRO-D HOURS: available after Conference. A Sign-Up Sheet will be at the Conference Registration Desk.

STUDENT REGISTRATION: discount for students with a full course load. See chart below.

	Early Bird Before Feb. 11, 2011	Early Bird KBCSC member agency employees only	After Feb. 11, 2011	After Feb. 11, 2011 KBCSC member agency employees only	Student
Full Conference (includes Friday and Saturday breakfasts and Saturday lunch)	\$125	\$100	\$150	\$120	\$50
Friday Only – April 8 (includes full breakfast)	\$90	\$72	\$100	\$80	\$25
Saturday Only – April 9 (includes continental breakfast and lunch)	\$90	\$72	\$100	\$80	\$25
Banquet Ticket	\$30	\$30 (no discount)	\$30	\$30 (no discount)	\$30 (no discount)

How to Register To secure your workshop choices: Mail your cheque made out to Kootenay Boundary Community Services Cooperative with your registration form to: Early Years Conference, KBCSC, 304-625 Front Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4B6

Information For more information you can contact the West Kootenay Early Years office at 250-352-6786 or 1-866-551-KIDS (5437) or email childrenfirst@thekoop.ca or colleen@thekoop.ca. For information on how to get to Rossland go to www.Rossland.ca.

Cancellation Policy Registration fees, less a \$40 administration fee will be refunded up to March 25, 2011. After this date, fees are not refundable.

Early Registration – Don't Delay If you register before February 11, 2011, your name will be entered into a draw for **1 FREE FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**. We are limited on how many conference participants we can accommodate and expect this conference will fill up quickly, so don't delay. Register today.

Registration Form / Participant Information

Please complete a separate registration form for each person attending the conference.

KEEP A COPY OF THE COMPLETED FORM FOR YOUR OWN REFERENCE.

Conference Participant Name _____ Employer _____

Are you registering as a student? Yes _____ No _____

Program of study and where _____

Are you registering as an employee of a Member Agency of the Kootenay Boundary Community Services Co-operative? Yes _____ No _____

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Do you have any special dietary requirements? Please explain:

Do you have any special needs? Please explain:

Workshop Registration

Space is limited in all workshops. We will do our best to give you your first choices for each session.

The earlier you register with payment, the better your chances as we take paid registrations on a first come, first serve basis. **You will be informed of which workshops you are assigned to in your confirmation letter when you arrive at the conference.**

Day & Session	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Session A, Fri. am			
Session B, Fri. pm			
Session C, Sat. am			
Session D, Sat. pm			

Registration Fees

Full Conference Fee (Fri. and Sat.) \$ _____
One Day Conference Fee Friday \$ _____
One Day Conference Fee Saturday \$ _____
Banquet Ticket(s) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Send registration form and cheque to:
Early Years Office, KBCSC
304-625 Front Street
Nelson, BC V1L 4B6

Where to Stay While at the Conference

Prestige Mountain Resort and Conference Centre

Single: \$90 plus HST

Double: \$100 plus HST

Call 250-362-7375 to reserve and ask for the Early Years Conference rate.

Casa Alpina Motel: 1199 Nancy Greene Hwy. (5 minute drive to the Prestige)

Rates: \$75 and up (kitchen suites available)

1-800-663-0203

Rossland Motel: Junction of Hwy 22 and Cascade (10 minute drive to the Prestige)

Rates: \$55 and up (kitchen suites available)

1-250-362-7218

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