



# 2011 Dartmouth Spring Workshops

**Dartmouth Workshops are held Wednesdays from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm at 21 Woodlawn Rd. NSCC Akerley Campus, Dartmouth (unless otherwise specified)\*\***

## Health and Safety: Building Resources

There's a lot that goes into creating a healthy, safe environment for young children. In this workshop participants will explore many of the resources available to centres. Where do you get the information you need? How do you organize for health and safety and make them part of your centre's everyday practices and routines? We'll also explore health and safety activities that support children's learning of healthy practices.

**Jolene Giles** is the Director of Akerley Child Care Centre and teaches the Health and Safety Course at NSCECE. **Melissa Mac Lennan** teaches in the preschool room at Akerley Child Care Centre. She has 11 years experience working with children of all ages.  
**June 8, 2011**

## Outdoor Play

We'll start talking indoors but, weather permitting, quickly move outside to experience a variety of outdoor play activities. Come and do some thinking "outside the box" because outdoor play can be much more than just running around the playground. We'll also discuss strategies for bringing the indoors out so that we can really enjoy the extra space and nice weather while the season allows.

**Melissa Mac Lennan** teaches in the preschool room at Akerley Child Care Centre. She has 11 years experience working with children of all ages in Alberta, Ontario, and Nova Scotia. She is an ECE graduate of Grande Prairie Regional College.  
**June 29, 2011**

## HOW DO WE KNOW WE HAVE A QUALITY PROGRAM?

A full day introduction to the **ECERS-R** (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale - Revised), **ITERS-R** (Infant-Toddler Environmental Rating Scale - Revised) and The School Aged Environmental Rating Scale. We will look at the basic principles of what makes quality childcare, and at why using **ECERS-R**, **ITERS-R**, and/or **SACERS** can help us achieve quality. We will give an overview of the terminology used, the scales and how to score them with a little video practice. People involved with Family Child Care may also find this interesting and useful if they want to use the Family Day Care Environmental Rating Scales—Revised.

**Presenter Elizabeth Hicks** has been working in child care for 25 years. She currently works as an independent consultant and supports early childhood practitioners in thinking about their programs and their goals for children.

**Saturday, June 25,  
9:00–3:30, NSCECE (Bring a Bag Lunch)  
6208 Quinpool Road**

**Cost: \$50.00**

**(Bring a Bag Lunch)**



## ALL TOGETHER NOW!

### Inclusion Support Group

We meet 9:00—11:00 AM on the last Thursday of each month at NSCECE. Join colleagues for facilitated discussion about issues relating to inclusive early learning programs. Share strategies, insights, and challenges as part of a learning community.

**Call Carrie at 423-7114 Ext. 227**

All questions regarding equivalency accreditation should be directed to the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services at 424-3207.

Workshop fees are non-refundable. A voucher will be issued if the College is notified of cancellation by 4:00 pm the Friday before the scheduled workshop date. Non-attendance does not constitute cancellation.

Registration is only accepted with a payment. Write down the date and title of the workshop(s) you wish to attend, and forward with payment to NSCECE. You will be notified if your workshop is full or is cancelled for any reason.

To register, forward payment of \$35 per workshop to:

Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education, 6208 Quinpool Road. (2nd Floor) Halifax, NS B3L 1A3, 423-7114 Ext.227

## Look for the workshop symbol

The college offers a wide variety of workshops each year to help meet the diverse professional development needs of people working in early learning and child care settings.

It is our belief that people at different stages of their career look for different types of professional development opportunities and are interested in different types of conversations about their work. Look for these symbols on our workshop schedule to help you decide if a workshop fits your stage of development.



**Budding:** Just starting your career in early childhood education? These workshops are designed to meet your early needs and to prepare you for the challenges that lie ahead.



**Advancing:** Growing in your career? Past the basics? These workshops provide advanced training for maturing early childhood educators, which will reinvigorate you and motivate you to climb a little higher.



**Master:** These workshops are designed to challenge seasoned early childhood educators who have a rich background in ELCC. You'll dig deeper and find new and innovative information for your maturation and skill level.



**Something here for everyone.**

Of course, these symbols are just a guideline. We hope they are helpful to you as you make your choices. We look forward to your suggestions and feedback about our workshops to help us fine tune programming for the next term. Please call 423-7114 Ext.227.

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### Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education—Student Success Services

We honour your prior learning through work experience, informal education or training, independent studies, or volunteer activities.

#### ***Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)***

You may be eligible for college credits. Any individual with at least five years of early childhood education experience may apply.

Barbara Rowe, Student Success Counselor 902 423-7114 ext.224



### THE LEADING EDGE

A discussion and support group for people who have a leadership role in an early childhood program. This facilitated group meets once a month at the NSCECE Resource Centre. Call Carrie Melsom at 423-7114 Ext. 227 for more information.

The College will accept in-person debit or credit card payments, in addition to cash or cheque. Resource Centre individual members receive a \$5 workshop discount; organization members receive two workshop vouchers. There is a \$10 fee to replace a lost certificate. There is a \$25 fee for NSF cheques. Please contact Carrie Melsom, Resource Centre Coordinator, 423-7114 ext. 227 with questions, comments, or concerns about this workshop series.