



2011 Spring Workshops

Workshops are held Tuesdays from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm at 6208 Quinpool Road, 2nd Floor, Halifax **unless noted as a workshop + tour, or a Dartmouth Location**



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May 3, 2011



Let's talk about Work-Life Balance

Feeling overworked? Under appreciated? Work-life balance is different for each of us but the basic principles are the same. Join us for an interactive, fun-filled evening. Discover what it means to find balance, to ACHIEVE and ENJOY, every single day. Discover what it means to look after YOU!

Valerie Hanson is a Professional Organizer, Business Consultant, Writer and Public Speaker. She has offered workshops on a wide variety of topics to diverse audiences; but having owned and operated a family daycare, and a school-age childcare centre, she has a natural affinity to the childcare profession.

May 10, 2011



Practical Life : A Montessori Approach to Engaging Children in Learning

Engaging children's interest with everyday domestic materials and activities is a cornerstone of the Montessori approach. Attractive, inviting, and functional—practical life work trays maximize independence and help children develop a sense of order, concentration and coordination. Come learn how these materials are designed, created, and used at Maple Tree Montessori. You'll leave with a booklet of ideas to try. (**\$5.00 Materials Charge**)

Michelle Cleary is a trained Montessori teacher who received her Diploma from the St. Nicholas Learning Centre in London, England. She started Maple Tree Montessori as a part-day preschool in 2002 and expanded to a full-day program in 2007.

May 17, 2011



Oh Mr. Sun, Sun—Sun Safety for Child Care Programs

It turns out that it might not be such a bad thing to have Mr. Sun hiding behind a tree—especially on days when the UV index is moderate or above. Learning about the dangers and long-term health implications of over-exposure to the sun is an important first step in developing and following sun-safe policies and practice in early childhood settings. We'll also discuss strategies for communicating the sun-safe message to parents and other caregivers.

Carrie Melson is the Coordinator of the NSCECE Early Childhood Educator Resource Centre. As someone with a major sunburn history the information about sun safety was long overdue. Helping others avoid the risks is a new goal.

May 24, 2011



I've Tried Everything and Its Not Getting Better

There are times when it feels like you have tried everything to change a child's behaviour and nothing makes a difference. When it feels like that, it's time to consider that you might be accidentally reinforcing the behaviour. Children do what works. Understanding the function of the behaviour and why a child is persisting with it is often the key to helping the child find a more acceptable way to get that need met. Come prepared for a frank conversation about how we can sometimes make things worse when we're trying to make them better.

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May 31, 2011



Conquer Classroom Chaos

Organize in a way that makes sense to both adult and child • Understand play zones and the importance of labeling • Receive invaluable ideas for kid-friendly containers • Learn how to use space effectively and maximum classroom storage • Gain practical advice to Conquer Classroom Chaos!

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June 7, 2011

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:

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June 14, 2011



Respectful Relationships in the Infant Room

Strong, respectful relationships are the foundation for a quality infant program. Teacher-child; parent-teacher; teacher-teacher; and child-child. These relationships intertwine and effect each other to a high degree. What does it take to build these relationships? Where do you start and how do you maintain them over time and potential rocky roads? This workshop will provide tips to building your own strong foundation.

Jennifer Hill, Kathleen McCuaig-Smith and Melissa McCarthy have been working with young children for more than 15 years collectively. They are currently a dynamic, energetic infant team at Mawio'mi Child Care Centre where they have worked together for the past year.

June 21, 2011



The Teaching Pyramid: A Thinking Tool for Programs

The Teaching Pyramid is a framework used to support positive social and emotional development in young children and to address the challenging behaviours that sometimes occur. There are four levels to explore and think about. The pyramid is based on a foundation of positive relationships, supportive environments, teaching social skills, and interventions. Together we will explore this framework and use it as a tool to think critically about our learning environments. Looking for the long-term and not the quick fix? This is for you!

Cathy Ramos has been working with young children for over twelve years. She is the director of Mawio'mi Child Care Centre, a lab school for the Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education. Cathy is also taking Masters level courses at MSVU.

June 28, 2011



Curriculum Learning Centres—Saturday Workshop Series

Session A:		9:00—12:00
Saturday, April 30		
Session B:		1:00—4:00
Saturday, April 30		
Session C:		9:00—12:00
Saturday, May 14		
Session D:		1:00—4:00
Saturday, May 14		
Session E:		9:00—12:00
Saturday, May 28		
Session F:		1:00—4:00
Saturday, May 28		

Mix and match your sessions according to interest: \$40.00 per session

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This series of curriculum workshops is for novice early childhood practitioners who are looking for a thorough introduction to various learning centres in the early childhood classroom. Each workshop covers the following areas:

Developmentally appropriate practices for toddlers and preschoolers; Choosing materials with reference to current regulations and equipment checklists; Arranging the environment; Managing the centre; Sample activities. There will be a variety of presenters for this workshop series: Stefanie Hazelden, Melissa Connell, Debbie Thompson, Carrie Melsom, and Cathy Ramos.



- A. Block and Construction Area
- B. Library and Literacy Area
- C. Sand and Water Area
- D. Dramatic Play Area
- E. Fine Motor Manipulative Area
- F. Creative Art Area

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.