



# 2012 Winter 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)

## "Round the Circle" Big Science for Little Hands Program

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January 17, 2012

## Sign Language in Early Childhood Classrooms (REPEAT SESSION)

There are many benefits to Sign Language. It teaches you another language, it encourages interpersonal skills, increases vocabulary and stimulates both sides of your brain. Sign Language is a multi-sensory way to bridge communication gaps in your classroom. Come learn basic preschool signs and practice using signs with songs. You will leave with a booklet of handouts to help you start your own collection of signing materials. A must have workshop!

**Laura Coish** is an Early Childhood Education graduate with a B.A. in psychology. She worked as a preschool teacher for 14 years and is currently employed with the Progress Centre for Early Intervention. Laura has her Level 2 Sign Language.

January 24, 2012

## Ramps and Pathways (REPEAT SESSION)

We've all seen children send cars and other objects caroming down slides, ramps, and inclines. In this workshop participants will explore the value and meaning of this type of play. Using a variety of hands-on materials participants will reconnect to their inner scientist and discover the powerful learning opportunities of a constructivist approach to early learning. The workshop draws from the book *Ramps & Pathways* by Rheta DeVries & Christina Sales.

**Shari Ridgewell, M.Ed., BAA ECE**, has worked for over 28 years in the field of early childhood. She enjoys facilitating PD opportunities for child care staff on many different topics that support a play based, child centered approach to learning.

January 31, 2012

## Conflict Resolution with Young Children

Everybody has to learn to deal with conflict. Early Childhood Educators see young children struggling with conflicts daily; there is not enough stuff; not enough space; not enough attention; and social skills are immature. We can help! Through role modeling and teaching the steps of a problem solving process we can help children develop the skills they need to solve conflicts in a positive way. Come discover six simple steps to a more peaceful classroom.

**Lisa Davies** has been working with children and families in not-for-profit agencies and government for over 20 years. Lisa teaches part-time at NSCECE and is also the Director of the Dartmouth Child Development Centre.

February 7, 2012

## Welcoming and Supporting Newcomer Children and Families

Every child who comes to your centre has a unique life story and individual needs but young newcomer children and their families have additional needs as they settle into Canadian communities. In this workshop we'll look at who is coming to Nova Scotia and where they are coming from. We will identify day-to-day practices that we can use to support the cultural identity of children enrolled in our programs and we will look specifically at implications for social and language development. Join us for activities, discussion and resource sharing.

**Carrie Melsom** is currently the Coordinator of the NSCECE Early Childhood Educator Resource Centre. Her career in early childhood education started in 1986. She has an ECE Diploma and a Certificate in Adult Education.

February 14, 2012

## It's Time For A Plan

Answering the question, "Where do you want to be in five years?", is just a small part of a career development plan. Reflecting on your current skills, knowledge and short-term professional goals helps a you determine where to begin the process. This workshop provides you with a career planning template and uses the Occupational Standards for ECEs/Administrators as a framework for considering the competencies needed to develop a Career Plan.

**Denise Stone** has a BCS and M.Ed., and over 25 years experience in ECE. She has worked in various positions during her career. She teaches adults part-time at NSCECE; she licensed centres and has done policy/program development for government where she continues to work as part of the ECE sector.

February 21, 2012

**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 workshop voucher will be issued if the College is notified of cancellation a minimum of 7 days 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 Rd (2nd Floor) Halifax, NS B3L 1A3, 423-7114 Ext. 227



### **“Amazing Me” Big Science For Little Hands Program**

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**February 28, 2012**



### **Thinking Deeply With Children**

We will look at small group time – the why, who, how, what and when of doing them. We will play with and discuss the role of loose parts in small group times and examine how adult support can enhance the children’s abilities to think critically and more deeply. Come ready to share your ideas, and best of all a small bag of loose parts, e.g. bread tags, buttons, small rocks, shells, stir sticks, wire, pipe cleaners, colourful yarn, etc.

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

**March 6, 2012**



### **Pets in the Classroom**

Join us for a workshop dedicated to showing Early Childhood Educators how pets and living creatures benefit our classrooms. Children identify with pets on a unique level. Living creatures help children of all ages learn about the natural world and how they can be part of caring for it. Come and learn how pets can promote empathy in your classrooms. We’ll also discuss licensing implications, possibilities for your science curriculum and the soothing effect pets can have on your classroom environment.

**Jennifer Solomon** is a school-age teacher at Needham Preschool and Daycare. She graduated in 1999 from the ECE program at Algonquin College. She has enjoyed offering workshops in Halifax for the past few years.

**March 20, 2012**



### **“Sticky Stuff” Big Science for Little Hands Program**

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**March 27, 2012**



### **Writing Learning Stories**

There are particular guidelines that have been established for writing learning stories. These guidelines offer a structure that supports this form of documentation and helps us with the process of telling a “good” story. In this workshop you will discover these learning story conventions and have an opportunity to write your own stories based on video footage that we will watch together. Learning stories can be powerful addition to documentation in your classroom and the format provided makes them a straight forward method to learn.

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**April 3, 2012**



### **Supporting Young Children Who Have Anxiety**

Temper tantrums, school refusal, and inattention - what may be a common thread between these behaviours in young children? Anxiety. In an interactive session, we will explore common signs of anxiety; concerns and implications for educators; and strategies for meeting the needs of these children.

**Cynthia d’Entremont** is an author and educator. She has a background in ECE and was a centre director. She has a M.Ed. in Curriculum Studies, (Supporting Learners with Diverse Needs and Exceptionalities). Her research focus was understanding and meeting the needs of learners with anxiety.

**April 10, 2012**



### **Parachute Play and Outdoor Games for Students and Teachers!**

We will briefly examine the daily physical activity requirements for children in our care. As well we will examine the reasons we are seeing so much in the media about children needing 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Half of the evening will be spent engaged in play outdoors so please come dressed appropriately. Everyone will leave with a resource booklet of my favourite parachute & outdoor games. **(REPEAT SESSION)**

**Paula Richard** is the Director of Christopher Allan’s Preschool. She has a degree in physical education and has worked with young children for many years. Paula currently teaches a Movement and Wellbeing course to students at NSCECE.

**April 17, 2012**

**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. 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.**