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Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia
38th Annual Conference

Celebrating 40 years of ECEBC



MAY 21 TO 23, 2009

Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre & Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel
Richmond, BC

JOIN US FOR ECEBC'S 38TH CONFERENCE!

LEADERSHIP: INNOVATION & INSPIRATION CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF ECEBC

The theme of the 38th Annual ECEBC Conference 2009 reflects our continued commitment to advancing the profession and practice of Early Childhood Educators. This conference will highlight some of the most promising and innovative thinking in Early Childhood Education as evidenced in the wide diversity of topics and calibre of presenters. Every delegate will be able to take something back with them to strengthen their practice and to build the culture of leadership in their own community.

This year also marks ECEBC's 40th anniversary and we've created an event that incorporates the best elements of a celebration—favourite presenters, shopping fun, sit-down lunch buffets with friends and colleagues, and an 1980s themed gala dinner that will be filled with big sound, big hair, and big fun! This is *the* conference to attend in 2009!

Please come join us. We look forward to seeing you May 21 to 23, 2009 in Richmond, BC!

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This year's conference highlights include:

- BC and international keynote speakers
- Exciting innovative Friday and Saturday program format to suit everyone
- 50 workshops on a wide range of topics, including advocacy, research projects, and fundraising
- Sit-down lunch buffets for all delegates on both Friday and Saturday
- Larger meeting rooms
- Thursday night IKEA shopping trip
- A 1980s-themed Friday Night Gala celebrating ECEBC's 40th Anniversary!

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CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, MAY 21

*Leadership, Administration,
Management (LAM) Module 5: Financial
Management
Best Western Richmond Hotel and
Convention Centre, Fraser Room

*Time is of the Essence: Perspectives
from Parents and Professionals
7th Annual Assessment Workshop
Neville Scarfe Building, University of
British Columbia

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Registration Desk open for early
registration

5:00 pm to 9:00pm
Networking in Cedarbridge Room

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
IKEA Shopping Trip

**See page 4 for information on how to
register for these pre-conference events*

FRIDAY, MAY 22

8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Registration Desk open

8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Trade Fair open
Networking in Cedarbridge Room

8:30 am to 9:45 am
Official Opening and Keynote Address by
Toni Hoyland and Denise Marshall

9:45 am to 10:15 am
Coffee Break

10:15 am to 12:15 pm
Session A Workshops

12:15 pm to 1:30 pm
Lunch Buffet in the Ballroom
Join your colleagues for conversation
and rejuvenation!

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Session B Workshops

3:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Coffee Break

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
ECEBC Annual General Meeting

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Friday Night Gala Celebrating
ECEBC's 40th Anniversary!

SATURDAY, MAY 23

8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Registration Desk open

8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Trade Fair open
Networking in Cedarbridge Room

8:30 am to 9:45 am
Keynote Address by
Glenda Mac Naughton

9:45 am to 10:15 am
Coffee Break

10:15 am to 11:45 am
Session C Workshops

11:45 am to 1:15 pm
Lunch Buffet in the Ballroom
Join your colleagues for conversation
and rejuvenation!

12:15 pm to 1:00 pm
You Are Worth It!

1:15 pm to 2:45 pm
Session D Workshops

2:45 pm to 3:00 pm
Coffee Break

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Session E Workshops

PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

LEADERSHIP, ADMINISTRATION, AND MANAGEMENT (LAM) MODULE 5: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Thursday, May 21, 2009, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre, Fraser Room

Leadership, Administration, and Management (LAM) is a 60-hour course designed for experienced child care practitioners who either manage a child care program or anticipate assuming some responsibility for the management or administration of a child care program.

Module 5 provides an opportunity for participants to explore the components of effective financial management in child care settings. Participants will learn about the various roles and responsibilities of staff and board members in financial management of a child care program and acquire the skills and confidence to develop and implement effective financial management strategies.

Presenters: Beverly Christian and Lynell Anderson

Registration

Go to www.bcacce.ca to download the registration form. Mail form with full payment to BCACCE c/o Etovre Vese, 2881 Acadia Road, Vancouver, BC V6T 1S1.

For more information contact Etovre Vese at info@bcacce.ca.

This workshop is sponsored by BCACCE (BC Association of Child Care Employers) in partnership with ECEBC.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: PERSPECTIVES FROM PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS 7th Annual Assessment Workshop

Thursday, May 21, 2009
Neville Scarfe Building, Faculty of Education,
University of British Columbia

This year's theme explores the notion of time and its relevance to the assessment of young children. We will look at ways to balance and respect children's needs, families' wishes, and the preference of many professionals to conduct assessments earlier rather than later in childhood. The event will feature new research findings, innovative practice, and perspectives from parents.

Workshops include a presentation by Lori Roggman on the Parenting Interactions with Children: Checklist of Observations Linked to Outcomes (PICCOLO), a user-friendly observational measure of parenting behaviour. There will also be a presentation specifically for front-line practitioners on assessment and screening tools and their relevance in early childhood settings and primary classrooms. Other presenters include Rona Sterling-Collins, Maria Glaze, Florence Gonyer, Jennifer Baumbusch, Tanya Brown, Diana Elliott, Laurie Ford, Paul Kershaw, Mari Pighini, Mary Stewart, and Michele Sam.

Registration

To register, contact info@eventability.ca or phone 604-214-3490.

This event is sponsored by ECEBC in partnership with the Consortium of Health, Intervention, Learning, and Development Project (CHILD), the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP), the Infant Development Program of BC (IDP), the Aboriginal Infant Development Program of BC (AIDP), the Psychoeducational Research and Training Centre (PRTC), and the Supported Child Development Program (SCDP) of BC.

CONFERENCE EVENTS AND MEETINGS

IKEA Shopping Trip

Thursday, May 21

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

IKEA Richmond, 3200 Sweden Way

Fee: \$10 (GST included)

Hop on a bus on Thursday night and don't come back until you've found all of the goodies that your child care centre needs! IKEA's shelves will offer you plenty of options for furniture, teaching aids, exciting toys, and materials to give a facelift to your child care centre. The bus will leave the hotel at 6:00 pm and pick everyone up at the store at 9:00 pm, leaving plenty of time to shop 'til you drop. Don't forget to visit the IKEA cafeteria for their delicious coffee and cinnamon buns! Space is limited on the bus, so buy your tickets when you register for the conference.

ECEBC Annual General Meeting

Friday, May 22, 4:00 pm

Please join us at the Annual General Meeting of ECEBC. This year we will be discussing and voting on changes to our constitution and by-laws.

Friday Night Gala Celebrating ECEBC's 40th Anniversary!

Hosted by the Boas of the Okanagan

Friday, May 22, 6:30 pm

Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre

Fee: \$45

We invite you to this special evening of fine food, friendship, and fun. Continuing with the fun of last year's gala, a delicious dinner will be served and ECEBC awards will be presented. After dinner, get ready to cut loose on the dance floor! DJ John from the Okanagan will spin you right 'round baby to an evening of 80s music and fun! Lynne Reside and her colleagues from the North Okanagan Child Care Society have organized an 80s-themed night. Dress and party like it's 1985 — or just come to enjoy the camaraderie of the night. There will be prizes for the best-dressed individual and best-dressed child care centre.

You Are Worth It!

Saturday, May 23, 12:15 to 1:00 pm

ECEBC's Board of Directors will have an open discussion regarding the \$20 per hour "You Are Worth It" strategy during lunch. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and suggestions as we continue the discussion about this important wage strategy for early childhood educators.

Registration and Networking Space in the Cedarbridge Room

Thursday, May 21, Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23

Thursday evening and all day Friday and Saturday, we have created a space for delegates to join colleagues and enjoy networking opportunities. In addition, ECEBC's partnering organizations will be available throughout the conference to answer your questions about the work they do and how you can become involved.

Trade Fair

Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23

The Trade Fair will be open on Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and on Saturday from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Bring your shopping lists and bags and get ready to shop from over 30 booths! Felt stories, finger puppets, art smocks, books, and more will be available to purchase for your child care centre. Play Vendor Bingo for a chance to win great prizes!



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

FRIDAY MORNING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Toni Hoyland and Denise Marshall Leadership the ECE Way

Friday, May 22, 8:30 am

Toni Hoyland and Denise Marshall, both Directors on the ECEBC Board, will speak about their experiences as leaders on the Board. In celebration of our 40th anniversary as an early childhood association they will share the collaborative, non-hierarchical, and action-oriented approaches to leadership that make up “the ECE way.” They will share stories of leadership that are full of humour, terror, and humanity and highlight the perspectives of the mature/more experienced leader and the youthful/emerging leader and the ways they support and nurture each other.



Denise Marshall



Toni Hoyland

Denise Marshall has been in the field of early childhood education since 1999. She holds a diploma in ECE and is proud to be a member of ECEBC both provincially and locally. She is the chair of the Caledonia Branch in Prince George and has been a Member at Large on the provincial Board since 2007. She is a firm believer in the work of ECEBC and plans to be a part of ECEBC for many years. Denise resides in Prince George with her husband and two children. She works for the University of Northern British Columbia Daycare Society as a program supervisor for the 3–5 year old program, Porcupine Pals. Denise is a strong believer in the work being done by early childhood educators and for early childhood educators across the country. She believes it is a time of change and recognition for the field. She is honoured to have been asked to co-present a keynote address at this year’s conference and is proud to be considered a leader. “There is a leader in all of us; it is in the work we do every day big or small. We may not see the impact at that moment, but wait a few years.”

Toni Hoyland has worked in the early childhood field since 1971 as an early childhood educator, a special needs educator, and a centre director in both rural and urban centres in BC. She worked on her bachelor’s degree one course at a time over many years and began teaching ECCE at Selkirk College in Castlegar in the West Kootenays in 1995. Toni taught in this program for 13 years and during this time also became actively involved on the provincial Board of ECEBC, first as Director of Communications and then as President Elect and President. Also during this time, Toni completed her MA in Human Learning, Development, and Instruction. Toni has really enjoyed the process of working hard with a dedicated group of women to move ECEBC forward. In the past few years Toni has also been involved in the Early Learning Framework Implementation project with Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw from the Child and Youth Care Program at the University of Victoria and Kathy Handley from Northern Lights College.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

SATURDAY MORNING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Glenda Mac Naughton

Inspiring Children's Rights in Early Childhood Curriculum

Saturday, May 23, 8:30 am

As 2009 is the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), it is timely to reflect on how early childhood educators can contribute to honouring young children's rights. Glenda Mac Naughton will share research-based case studies of early childhood professionals' struggles and successes in enacting young children's participatory rights in the early childhood curriculum. She will focus on their participatory rights to express an opinion and to have that opinion taken into account in matters that affect them, and she will address three questions through these case studies:

- Why should children's rights matter in early childhood curriculum?
- How can young children's rights be enacted and honoured in early childhood curriculum?
- What theoretical and practical issues do early childhood professionals face in giving life to children's rights in the curriculum pedagogies and practices?

Glenda Mac Naughton has worked in the early childhood field for 36 years. She is currently a professor in the Melbourne Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne, Australia, where she established and now directs the Centre for Equity and Innovation in Early Childhood. Her years in early childhood have included work across all sectors as a practitioner, a manager, and a senior policy advisor to government in the United Kingdom and Australia. Glenda has published widely, nationally and internationally, on these issues. Her two most recently published books are *Doing Your Action Research Project in Early Childhood Studies* (2008) and *Young Children as Active Citizens: Principles, Policies, and Pedagogies* (2008). Glenda has just completed two projects that explore ways to centre children's voices more powerfully in the early childhood curriculum and she is currently involved in a multi-country project on young children and ethnic diversity.



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(Presenters: Beverly Christian and Marg Rodrigues)
- 4A Young Parent Programs: The Special Challenges for Early Childhood Educators (Presenters: Louise Smith, Maria Cargnelli, Nicole Chambers, and Simone Gibson)
- 5A Creating an ECE Culture of Leadership
(Presenters: Sheila Davidson and Rita Chudnovsky)
- 6A A Reggio-Inspired Transformation of Our Learning Environment
(Presenters: Mary Bennett, Amy Ward, Nicole Bregouss, and Ghislaine Ghirard)
- 7A Storytelling for Young Children (Presenter: Jane Cobb)
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- 9A Babies Love Stories! (Presenter: Beth Hutchinson)
- 10A Shadow Play and Light Languages: Creative Expression and the Semiotics of Meaning (Presenter: Sylvia Kind)
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- 3B Ethical Journey, Session 1 (All-Day Track continued)
(Presenters: Beverly Christian and Marg Rodrigues)
- 4B Post-Structuralism in Early Childhood Education Practices
(Presenters: Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw, Sylvia Kind, Enid Elliott, Laurie Kocher, and Alejandra Sanchez)

- 5B Building Leadership Skills (Presenter: Rita Chudnovsky)
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(Presenter: Sylvia McLellan)
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(Presenters: Gyda Chud and Dianne Liscumb)
- 8B Using the Pyramid Model to Develop a Framework for Addressing the Social-Emotional Needs of All Children
(Presenters: Kate Wishart, Dianne Cameron, and Andrea James)
- 9B Circle Time Tool Box (Presenter: Allan Hirsch)
- 10B PALS: Parents As Literacy Supporters in Aboriginal Communities
(Presenters: Fiona Morrison, Jim Anderson, and Gail Stromquist)

C Sessions, Saturday 10:15 am to 11:45 am (see pages 14 to 15)

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- 2C Peace Literacy: Sowing the Seeds of a More Positive Tomorrow
(Presenter: Ruth Fahlman)
- 3C Make the Connection: Attachment-Based Programs for Infants and Toddlers (Presenters: Judith Oldfield and Mary Stewart)
- 4C ECE in the Wild (Presenter: Enid Elliott)
- 5C/D/E Implementing the Ministry of Education Early Learning Framework in your Early Childhood Setting (All-Day Track)
(Presenters: Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw and Toni Hoyland)
- 6C The Impact of Music on the Development of Spoken Language in Children with Hearing Loss
(Presenters: Rosalie Yaremko and Erin McSweeney)
- 7C The Four Seasons: A Scandinavian Child Care Centre
(Presenter: Helle Burlingame)
- 8C Reggio-Inspired Practice: Perspectives from a Reggio Emilia Study Trip (Presenters: Bev Superle, Nonie Meger, and Ellen Muirhead)
- 9C Child Care Advocacy: Where To From Here?
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- 10C Fundraising 101 (Presenter: Sim White)

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- 2D Unravelling the Mystery of Autism
(Presenter: Elizabeth Hennessey)
- 3D Building Rapport with Staff (Presenter: Marc Tatanasci Lalonde)
- 4D Science, Lunch, and Literacy (Presenter: Maria Varju)
- 5D Implementing the Ministry of Education Early Learning Framework
in your Early Childhood Setting, (All-Day Track continued)
(Presenters: Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw and Toni Hoyland)
- 6D Rhythmic Art: Celebrate Yourself (Presenter: Angela Roy)
- 7D Continuous Quality Improvement: The What and the How
(Presenter: Rika Lange)
- 8D Music with Young Children (Presenter: Allan Hirsch)
- 9D Emotions: Emotional Intelligence for Children
(Presenter: Marla Rosen)
- 10D Sing and Sign with Me (Presenter: Kim Brown)
- 11D Dreaming of a Better World: How Practicing Critical Reflection
Helps (Presenter: Glenda Mac Naughton)

E Sessions, Saturday 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (see pages 17 to 18)

- 1E Cleaner, Greener Home and Classroom Environments
(Presenter: Janice Hendry)
- 2E Rhythmic Art: Storytelling through Rhythm, Percussion, and Song
(Presenter: Angela Roy)
- 3E Coaching and Discipline (Presenter: Marc Tatanasci Lalonde)
- 4E Through Words, From Paint, and With Movement: This is Who I
Am! (Presenter: Karthryn Ricketts)
- 5E Implementing the Ministry of Education Early Learning Framework
in your Early Childhood Setting (All-Day Track continued)
(Presenters: Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw and Toni Hoyland)
- 6E The High/Scope Approach to Active Learning
(Presenter: Julia Black)
- 7E Bugs and Creepy Crawlies (Presenter: Maria Varju)
- 8E Parachute Games and Outdoor Play (Presenter: Allan Hirsch)
- 9E Remembering to Play—Inspiring Creativity, Engagement, and
Self-Care (Presenter: Vince Gowmon)
- 10E Understanding Autism to Support Preschool Children with ASD
(Presenter: Lianne Naguiat)



A SESSIONS, FRIDAY 10:15 AM TO 12:15 PM

1A To Your Good Health!

How do we process all the health information we receive and to what messages should we pay attention? What information is important for your community, your program and how can you access it? In this interactive workshop, participants will discuss the concept of health literacy. We will look at some of the reasons for mixed messages about health and what impacts our understanding of health.

Presenter: Enid Elliot, PhD, has taught in a variety of ECE programs around the world. She is the author of We're Not Robots: Listening to the Voices of Daycare Providers.

2A Big Science for Little Hands

ECEs provide many creative opportunities for young children to explore and discover their world. In this workshop, you'll have the opportunity to try a selection of hands-on science activities for young children from Science World resource packages. We'll share our experiences doing science with young children and discuss how the activities might work in your setting.

Presenters: Katie McMahon is the program developer in the Community Engagement Department at Science World. Sandy Eix is a science learning lead at Science World.



3A/B Ethical Journey, Session 1 (All-Day Track)

Ethical Journey, Session 1 guides participants through an exploration of their personal beliefs, values, and ethics. Participants will examine what an ethical dilemma is using these systems as point of reference. This workshop is a prerequisite for all of the future Ethical Journey training sessions in this series.

This is an All-Day Track. Participants must register for both 3A and 3B.

Presenters: Beverly Christian is the assistant director at UBC Child Care Services and an instructor at Vancouver Community College. Marg Rodrigues is a past president of the Canadian Child Care Federation and was a licensed family child care practitioner for over 20 years.

4A Young Parent Programs: The Special Challenges for Early Childhood Educators

Caregiving in a young parent program poses some unique challenges for early childhood educators. This workshop will offer an overview of Young Parent Programs in BC and an in-depth discussion of the New Beginnings program, as a model for providing child care. Participants will also discuss best practices for working with vulnerable children and their young parents.

Presenters: Louise Smith is the New Beginnings supervisor. She is joined by Maria Cargnelli, Nicole Chambers, and Simone Gibson.

5A Creating an ECE Culture of Leadership

ECEBC is in the first year of an exciting new Leadership Initiative to help raise the profile of and respect for the work of ECE. Come and learn about our evolving culture of ECE leadership and strategies for taking the values of our practice outside of our programs to the broader community. We will share stories about leadership projects underway in 10 Communities of Leadership Innovation from across BC and explore your ideas about how the Initiative can grow to support more emerging ECE leaders.

Presenters: Sheila Davidson is the executive director of ECEBC. Rita Chudnovsky is the coordinator of ECEBC's new Leadership Initiative.

6A A Reggio-Inspired Transformation of Our Learning Environment

The presenters will take participants through the transformation of their Reggio-inspired learning environment. Find out how they created a room full of natural items, culturally relevant material, and unconventional toys, all on a limited budget. Using our environment as the third teacher has developed more engaging, creative children, and provided them with a beautiful, respectful place to learn.

Presenters: Mary Bennett, Amy Ward, Nicole Bregouss, and Ghislaine Ghirard are early childhood educators at the Cariboo Child Care Society, Thompson Rivers University campus.

7A Storytelling for Young Children

Learn some tried-and-true interactive folktales that you can use in circle time and throughout the day to engage, delight, amuse, and teach your children. Whether you have had previous storytelling experience or not, this workshop will build your confidence and give you a rationale for the enormous benefits of oral storytelling for you and for the children in your care. There will be handouts to take away.

Presenter: Jane Cobb is an author, children's librarian, storyteller, and Parent-Child Mother Goose Program teacher trainer.

8A Co-Creating Places for All Children

Which barriers impede inclusion of all children? How can you help staff or students work through inclusion challenges? This workshop reviews current literature about inclusion training gaps and key adult education principles, and provides tools for your inclusion toolbox: case studies, self reflection, mentoring, and SpecialLink's inclusion rating scale. We will strategize about how to inspire early childhood inclusion quality in your programs and discuss how to advance inclusive child care in BC and across Canada.

Presenter: Debra Mayer, MA, is director of SpecialLink, the National Centre for Child Care Inclusion, now located at the University of Winnipeg.

9A Babies Love Stories!

Why are stories so appealing? What is the best way to tell stories to the very young? This workshop will explore ways to create stories out of the moment, out of the baby's life, and out of your own life. You really can tell stories and you can have such a good time doing it!

Presenter: Beth Hutchinson is the provincial coordinator of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program.

10A Shadow Play and Light Languages: Creative Expression and the Semiotics of Meaning

Over the course of four months the Capilano University Children's Centre engaged in a centre-wide exploration of light and shadow. Educators and children worked alongside an *atelierista* in this project to investigate children's expressive and artistic languages and how signs and symbols signify meaning. This presentation explores signs, semiotics, and the play of meaning in children's artistic explorations, and participants will discuss ways of re-imagining children's creative inquiries.

Presenter: Sylvia Kind, PhD, is an instructor in the ECCE Department at Capilano University and works closely with the Capilano University Children's Centre as an atelierista.

11A A United Voice for Child Care and ECE Workers: The Benefits of Unionization

The BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU), which represents most unionized early childhood educators in our province, works to improve wages and benefits for early childhood educators. Addressing wages and benefits issues is key to improving the recruitment and retention crisis in the child care sector in BC today. This session will look at how wages and benefits for unionized ECEs compare to other female-dominated professions and non-union centres; how having a union can help to improve relations with your board and managers; and what joining as a certified union member or as a special associate member offers you.

Presenters: BCGEU representatives and organizations will present.

B SESSIONS, FRIDAY 1:30 PM TO 3:30 PM

1B Child Care: The Solution in Good Times or Bad

Years of economic good times didn't solve BC's child care crisis. And now that the economy is in trouble, some say we will just have to wait. But in good times or bad, quality, publicly funded child care is part of the solution. In this interactive workshop, participants will discuss the current child care policy landscape and explore strategies for positioning child care as an essential part of building a strong economic and social infrastructure.

Presenters: Susan Harney is the chair of the Canadian Child Care Association of BC.

2B The Personal and Social Impact of Children's Exposure to Violence Against Women

This session will address how young children's exposure to violence against women affects their behavioural reactions, cognitive abilities, coping strategies, and emotional functioning. Presenters will focus on the tools that ECEs can use to detect the warning signs, intervention strategies, and the appropriate resources that are available to assist children and their caregivers when leaving a violent home.

Presenters: Rhiannon Wong is the children services coordinator and Joanna Kordus is the violence is preventable coordinator for the BC Yukon Society of Transition Houses.

3B Ethical Journey, Session 1 (All-Day Track)

This workshop is a continuation of 3A. See 3A for Workshop description. Participants must register for both 3A and 3B.

4B Post-Structuralism in Early Childhood Education Practices

This workshop will present the collaborative processes and negotiations with early childhood educators and academic researchers involved in the Investigating Quality Project and the BC Early Learning Framework Project. The objectives of these projects are to promote the active engagement of early childhood educators in discussions and actions

that lead to the formation of innovative spaces for young children. This session provides an opportunity to learn more about these innovative research projects and engage in discussions of quality child care based on your own knowledge, experiences, and values.

Presenters: Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw, PhD, is a professor at the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria. Sylvia Kind, PhD, is an instructor in the ECCE Department at Capilano University. Enid Elliot, PhD, has taught in a variety of ECE programs around the world. Alejandra Sanchez is an instructor in the ECE program at Douglas College. Laurie Kocher, PhD, is an instructor in the ECE Program at Douglas College.

5B Building Leadership Skills

As part of the first year of ECEBC's Leadership Initiative, ECEs from across BC participated in an intensive Leadership Institute. At this workshop, Rita will give an overview of the highlights from the Leadership Institute, including tips for making effective presentations, framing messages about the value of the work we do, and strategies for building consensus about the importance of ECEs in communities.

Presenter: Rita Chudnovsky is the coordinator of ECEBC's Leadership Initiative and has 25 years of experience in advocacy and teaching.

6B Beyond Role Play: The Power and Possibility of Workplace Theatre

Conflict between child care staff members has a devastating effect on the atmosphere of quality care giving. During this workshop, participants will learn about and practice a creative method for resolving conflict between the adults who care for children. Discover how your approaches to conflict are culturally situated and how understanding multiple perspectives can lead to the development of new problem-solving strategies. We will generate the content of the workshop using real-life examples from those present.

Presenter: Sylvia McLellan, MA, has 25 years of experience working in child care and 10 years of experience teaching at college.

7B The Endless Facets of Diversity

Whether with children, families or co-workers, diversity abounds in our daily and long-term relationships. Join us to explore the endless facets of diversity and successful strategies for responding to diversity issues. Through lecture and discussion, participants will consider the knowledge and skills needed to meet the challenges that diversity brings and to celebrate the richness it offers.

Presenters: Gyda Chud is the dean of Continuing Studies at Vancouver Community College. Dianne Liscumb is the Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre's executive director of Agency Development and Training.

8B Using the Pyramid Model to Develop a Framework for Addressing the Social-Emotional Needs of All Children

How can we best meet the needs of the growing number of children who present with challenging behaviours? This workshop will focus on the Pyramid Model from the Centre on the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning. This model provides a framework for addressing challenging behaviour in an integrated and comprehensive approach. Participants will learn skills to use in child care centres, including how to develop solid relationships, provide supportive environments for children, help children who may be at risk by targeting social skills, and how to best support children who require intensive assessment-based intervention.

Presenters: Kate Wishart is the director of Speech Language Therapy Services at the BC Centre for Ability. Dianne Cameron is the director of Therapy Services at the BC Centre for Ability. Andrea James is the coordinator of Burnaby Supported Child Development.

9B Circle Time Tool Box

Come to this workshop to learn what you need for successful circle times with young children. We'll explore music, puppets, games, finger plays, storytelling, and poetry.

Presenter: Allan Hirsch, a.k.a. Alleyoop, has entertained children of all ages for over 30 years.

10B PALS: Parents As Literacy Supporters in Aboriginal Communities

Parents As Literacy Supporters (PALS) is a culturally sensitive and responsive family literacy program designed for families and caregivers and their preschool-aged children. It has been embraced in many Aboriginal communities around the province. In this interactive session, participants will learn about the program, engage in sample activities, and "make and take" some newly developed materials that can be adapted to fit the needs of your community.

Presenters: Fiona Morrison, MEd, and Jim Anderson, PhD, are co-developers of PALS. Gail Stromquist, MEd, is a district teacher in the Aboriginal program in the Langley School District.



C SESSIONS, SATURDAY 10:15 AM TO 11:45 AM

1C The First Stage

Explore a variety of theatre exercises, activities, and games that can be used with children from three to eight years of age. Participants will learn some storytelling techniques and ways to move from a story to a play—methods that can only take 20 minutes or that can be carried through for several days or weeks. Participants will also learn stories that lend themselves to theatre and pick up some tips on creating simple costumes, props, and sets.

Presenter: Peggy Stortz has worked in various capacities with young children, including a drama school, preschools and daycares, community centre programs. She is also a children's entertainer.

2C Peace Literacy: Sowing the Seeds of a More Positive Tomorrow

Drawing from the fields of resiliency research, social justice education, and peace initiatives, we will explore the power of peace. Participants will deepen their understanding of peace, conflict, and violence, and learn new strategies to help children who are exposed to conflict and violence. We will also explore ways to nurture children's and adults' peacemaking capacities and identify the next steps towards greater personal peace literacy and activism. As early childhood educators we can help tip the scales towards a more just and equitable future for all children.

Presenter: Ruth Fahlman is a private consultant specializing in peace and anti-bias early childhood care and development.

3C Make the Connection: Attachment-Based Programs for Infants and Toddlers

Secure attachment during the first two years of life is the best foundation and predictor of healthy relationships, self-regulation, and general success in school. This presentation will provide an overview

of the two Make the Connection programs (MTC Birth to One and MTC One to Two), which aim to strengthen parent-child relationships during the first and second years of life. The workshop will contrast the different attachment and communication needs of babies and toddlers. Participants will learn how the highly interactive MTC programs help parents become more sensitively tuned to their babies' and toddlers' behaviour.

Presenter: Judith Oldfield is a regional advisor for the Infant Development Program of BC, Vancouver Island. Mary Stewart is a regional advisor for the Infant Development Program of BC, the North.

4C ECE in the Wild

Rocks, trees, the open air, and green space provide very young children with an opportunity to move, to imagine and to develop relationships in ways not possible with climbers or jungle gyms. Participants will learn how to tune into and nurture young children's connections with nature and strengthen relationships with the natural landscape. This session will share recent research about the experiences of children under age six in natural settings.

Presenter: Enid Elliot, PhD, has taught in a variety of ECE programs around the world. She is the author of We're Not Robots: Listening to the Voices of Daycare Providers.

5C/D/E Implementing the Ministry of Education Early Learning Framework in Your Early Childhood Setting (All-Day Track)

This session will give an overview of the BC Early Learning Framework, which is a new Ministry of Education document that offers a practical approach to meeting the many different needs of individual children, families, and communities of BC. Find out how educators from the University of Victoria, Northern Lights College, and Selkirk College underwent collaborative processes and negotiations with early childhood educators and academic researchers to implement the Early Learning Framework in BC.

This is an All-Day Track. Participants must register for 5C, 5D, and 5E.

Presenters: Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw, PhD, is a professor at the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria. Toni Hoyland, MA, is the Past President of ECEBC and an ECE instructor at Camosun College in Victoria. They are co-directors of the Early Learning Framework Implementation Project.

6C The Impact of Music on the Development of Spoken Language in Children with Hearing Loss

This workshop will describe how children with varying degrees of hearing loss can benefit from music during therapy and at preschool. Presenters will examine how the integration of music can help facilitate the development of spoken language in children with hearing loss. Topics discussed will include auditory-verbal therapy, hearing technology and practical ideas for musical activities.

Presenters: Rosalie Yaremko is the program director and Erin McSweeney is a speech language pathologist specializing in auditory-verbal therapy. Both are at the Children's Centre for Speech and Hearing in BC.

7C The Four Seasons: A Scandinavian Child Care Centre

This dynamic session will provide a case study of the Four Seasons, a Scandinavian kindergarten where children spend most of their time outdoors all year around. Find out how the teacher's pedagogical approach and a captivating outdoor environment have come together to support a unique healthy environment for children. This session will look at the research that shows a healthy body supports children's readiness for acquiring fundamental academic skills. Participants will also discuss how to facilitate outdoor play activities for children.

Presenter: Helle Burlingame is an educator, author, and Scandinavian educated psychologist (Cand. Psych.).

8C Reggio-Inspired Practice: Perspectives from a Reggio Emilia Study Trip

Through discussion and a presentation, the presenters will share their impressions of the Reggio Approach and the changes they have made to their program. If you are wondering what Reggio is about and why it has captured the attention of many educators, this workshop will give you insight.

Presenters: Bev Superle, Nonie Meger, and Ellen Muirhead work at Mt. Seymour Preschool in North Vancouver. They have studied the Reggio Approach for many years and have been inspired to make changes at the preschool based on their understanding of Reggio principles.

9C Child Care Advocacy: Where To From Here?

On the heels of a provincial election, a panel of representatives from different Child Care Advocacy Forum member organizations and from the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada will share their experiences, perspectives, and hopes for child care advocacy. Then we will open the floor to hear and learn, from and with you, about where to from here. Please join us for this important conversation about how, together, we can move child care forward.

Presenters: Members of the BC Child Care Advocacy Forum.

10C Fundraising 101

An opportunity to look at current trends in grant writing, get some tips on how to find grants, and learn successful strategies that will help to increase your chances of obtaining funds. We will think outside the box and brainstorm creative ways to maximize what grants and resources are out there for early childhood education beyond the traditional methods of fundraising like bake and garage sales. Bring along your own stories and experiences of both successes and challenges to share with the group.

Presenter: Sim White, MEd, has taught as an ECE instructor at several local colleges and has coordinated a wide variety of child care programs.

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1D Test Your Food Safety IQ

This workshop will cover all aspects of food safety and allergy awareness for children. Learn how to prevent food poisoning, practice proper personal hygiene, store food safely, and sanitize properly. Also find out how to best handle children with allergies, why allergies occur, and how to look for hidden allergens in food. This information will help participants understand allergies and practice preventive techniques at work and at home.

Presenter: Sally de la Rue Browne is a registered environmental health officer and food safety consultant, and a part-time instructor with the ECCE Department at Capilano University.

2D Unravelling the Mystery of Autism

This session will explore early intervention strategies, autism red flags, and how to navigate the system. We will also discuss contributing factors that are under study and look at environment, genetics, and viruses and vaccination, as well as examine the epidemic numbers being reported and diagnosed worldwide. Participants will learn about the history of autism and the newest research being uncovered, as well as learn to identify possible red flags in children they work with.

Presenter: Elizabeth Hennessey is an early childhood educator and ABA therapist for children with autism.

3D Building Rapport with Staff

This workshop begins with a lecture format where participants will gain the tools to be fully attentive. Next, a practice session will allow participants to use these skills. And finally, a large group session will explain how to lead staff to change by asking effective questions.

Presenter: Marc Tatanasci Lalonde is the manager of Tsleil-Waututh Child & Family Development Centre.

4D Science, Lunch, and Literacy

What does science have to do with what we eat for lunch and how does that tie in with literacy? Join in a hands-on look at the science behind the food we eat and the wonderful children's books that go with the experiments. This workshop shares ways to cook with preschoolers. Come with clean hands and be ready to play.

Presenter: Maria Varju is an educator and facilitator specializing in science for children.

5D Implementing the Ministry of Education Early Learning Framework in Your Early Childhood Setting (All-Day Track)

This is a continuation of 5C. Participants must register for 5C, 5D, and 5E. See 5C for workshop description.

6D Rhythmic Art: Celebrate Yourself

Experience the collective of rhythm and song through a variety of world drums and percussion instruments. We will celebrate ourselves and our roles in communities, working with children and families. You'll walk away—actually dance and sing away—feeling rejuvenated and energized!

Presenter: Angela Roy is a performer, presenter, and the founder of Expression, a world music rhythmic art program she designed for all ages. Her second CD will be released this spring.

7D Continuous Quality Improvement: The What and the How

In our busy days, it can be hard to find time to take a step back and reflect on and evaluate the programs we offer. Come and explore some tools and strategies you can use to assist you in making thoughtful and positive changes to the quality of the program you offer to children and families.

Presenter: Rika Lange is a licensing practice consultant with Vancouver Coastal Health and teaches in the ECCE programs at Vancouver Community College and Burnaby School Board Continuing Education.

8D Music with Young Children

Explore appropriate music and singing exercises for young children, including musical games, scale poems, clapping and rhythm games, finger plays, counting games, and much more.

Presenter: Allan Hirsch, a.k.a. Alleyoop, has entertained children of all ages for over 30 years.

9D Emotions: Emotional Intelligence for Children

Why do children need a safe, educational setting to express and learn about their feelings? What can we do to facilitate this aspect of a child's personal development? This hands-on workshop will explore the importance of emotional intelligence and psychoneuroimmunology for children. This workshop will give participants a working knowledge base about emotional intelligence and the methods and strategies to implement social awareness in their programs.

Presenter: Marla Rosen is a musician, actor, puppeteer, dancer, director, and choreographer, who has produced and performed a variety of educational arts-based programs for children.

10D Sing and Sign with Me

Singing and signing is an inclusive activity to do in any centre. It can help facilitate language development, and it's fun! Come ready to learn some new songs to sing and sign with the children at your child care program.

Presenter: Kim Brown has been in the child care field for over 25 years and has been hard of hearing since 1988.

11D Dreaming of a Better World: How Practicing Critical Reflection Helps

How we think about the world is central to changing it. This workshop will explore what critical reflection is and how it can help us change our early childhood worlds. Participants will be led through a set of practical strategies for doing critical reflection in their work with young children and families. We will play with ideas such as knowledge, power, and

truth and use this "play" to think about how it might bring our dreams of a better world for children and families just that little bit closer.

Presenter: Glenda Mac Naughton is a professor in the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne, Australia.

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1E Cleaner, Greener Home and Classroom Environments

Chemicals in indoor environments affect our children's health. This workshop explores the impact of common chemicals in our air, food, toys, body products, and cleaning products. Find out how we can create safer homes and early childhood environments. Non-toxic products can be cheaper, easier to use, and much better for our earth. All children will benefit from our choices.

Presenter: Janice Hendry is an early childhood educator who has offered workshops on health-related topics for the past 15 years.

2E Rhythmic Art: Storytelling through Rhythm, Percussion, and Song

Participants will experience collective storytelling through rhythm and song facilitated by a variety world drums and percussion instruments. Learn a variety of storytelling mediums and explore traditional world cultural tales and interactive stories that will get you moving and singing!

Presenter: Angela Roy is a performer, presenter, and the founder of Expression, a world music rhythmic art program she designed for all ages. Her second CD will be released this spring.

3E Coaching and Discipline

This session will discuss mentoring and coaching techniques to support staff development. It will also present practical advice on how to deal with resistant staff through progressive discipline. Once started, progressive discipline leads to one of three conclusions: the staff member changes the behaviour; the staff member recognizes that

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unacceptable behaviour will not be condoned and leaves willingly; or the staff member is dismissed with cause.

Presenter: Marc Tatanasci Lalonde is the manager of Tsleil-Waututh Child & Family Development Centre.

4E Through Words, From Paint, and With Movement: This is Who I Am!

This interactive workshop will combine an overview of the theories and methods used for creative embodied storytelling and then move into interactive trials and discussion. Ideal for early childhood educators who want to advocate the strength of individual voice within a culturally diverse group.

Presenter: Kathryn Ricketts is an artist, researcher, and teacher.

5E Implementing the Ministry of Education Early Learning Framework in your Early Childhood Setting (All-Day Track)

This is a continuation of 5C and 5D. Participants must register for 5C, 5D, and 5E. See 5C for workshop description.

6E The High/Scope Approach to Active Learning

This workshop will explore the core component of the High/Scope model, active learning. Participants will examine the ingredients of active learning, learn about the research that supports it, and understand why it works within the classroom. Discover strategies that support active learning with young children and begin to develop an implementation plan for active learning within your own setting.

Presenter: Julia Black, MBA, is trained as a trainer in the High/Scope Preschool Curriculum Model for teachers.

7E Bugs and Creepy Crawlies

Preschoolers will love the activities, crafts, and games you will experience in this workshop. You will learn some interesting facts about insects and other creepy crawlies, and leave with ready-made props and ideas to use in your program. If you would like to take home some red

wiggler worms to start your own worm composter, please bring a small yogurt-type container.

Presenter: Maria Varju is an educator and facilitator specializing in science for children.

8E Parachute Games and Outdoor Play

Explore the many parachute games that can be used with young children, as well as other fun cooperative games played outside. Using a large parachute, you will have the opportunity to play the games!

Presenter: Allan Hirsch, a.k.a. Alleyoop, has entertained children of all ages for over 30 years.

9E Remembering to Play — Inspiring Creativity, Engagement, and Self-Care

When we lead with a playful heart we move from managing others to inspiring them. We hold ourselves more lightly, fostering greater productivity, creativity, and connection with others. In this fun and interactive workshop, participants learn through open discussion and various forms of creative expression, including movement, art, music, and storytelling. Remember your playful spirit and its importance in caring for children and community members.

Presenter: Vince Gowmon is the founder of Remembering to Play Events, and is a certified professional life coach.

10E Understanding Autism to Support Children with ASD

Learn how to support children with autism and their families in an ECE setting. This session will highlight the importance of behaviour intervention for preschool children and discuss existing community resources and programs for children and their families. General information on autism will also be discussed, including identification, causes, and characteristics of autism.

Presenter: Lianne Naguiat is an information officer for the Autism Community Training Society.

ECEBC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you are not a member of ECEBC, there's never been a better time to join!

By joining now, you can take advantage of the great savings members receive on their conference fees. And you'll also receive a whole year's worth of other great benefits: four issues of the journal, *The Early Childhood Educator*; the Code of Ethics; members' prices on ECEBC publications; and most importantly, the knowledge that you are part of the professional association that is your voice. Members count!

Membership Categories (check one)

Full Member – has an Early Childhood Educator's License to Practice from the Provincial Community Care Facilities Branch (*copy of License required with application*). Eligible to vote on provincial issues at the Annual General Meeting.

Student Member – is in the process of becoming professionally qualified in the field of early childhood or is in the process of completing 500 hours work experience (*signature of instructor/supervisor required on application*).

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Member Information

Name

Address

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Place of Employment

Signature

Signature of Instructor (students only)

Referred by

- New Full \$100 (\$8.34 monthly)
- Renew Full \$95 (\$7.92 monthly)
- New Student \$80 (\$6.67 monthly)
- Renew Student \$75 (\$6.25 monthly)
- New Associate \$85 (\$7.08 monthly)
- Renew Associate \$80 (\$6.67 monthly)

All membership fees are accurate at time of printing.

Payment Options

- Cheque (payable to ECEBC)
- VISA MasterCard

Card no.

Expiry date

Name of card holder

Signature

ECEBC also has a pre-authorized monthly payment option. Download a form from www.ecebc.ca. You can also sign up to become a member online at www.ecebc.ca.

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Vancouver, BC V5M 1Y8
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Membership Category	Early Bird Rate (until April 17)	Rate After April 17, 2009
ECEBC members (full & associate)		
2-day registration (online)	\$ 257.25	\$299.25
2-day registration (by mail)	\$ 267.25	\$309.25
1-day registration (online)	\$ 157.50	\$199.50
1-day registration (by mail)	\$ 167.50	\$209.50
Student ECEBC members		
2-day registration (online)	\$ 168.00	\$ 168.00
2-day registration (by mail)	\$ 178.00	\$ 178.00
1-day registration (online)	\$ 115.50	\$ 115.50
1-day registration (by mail)	\$ 125.50	\$ 125.50
Non-members of ECEBC		
2-day registration (online)	\$ 456.75	\$ 498.75
2-day registration (by mail)	\$ 466.75	\$ 508.75
1-day registration (online)	\$ 320.25	\$ 393.75
1-day registration (by mail)	\$ 330.25	\$ 403.75

All registration fees include 5% GST (GST registration no. 10 72 72 971) and sit-down lunch buffets on both Friday and Saturday.

**Register online and save \$10 on your registration fees!
Visit www.ecebc.ca to register online.**

Register Early and Win!

If you register by April 17, 2009, your name will be entered into a draw to win a brunch for two at the Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre.

New This Year: Sit-Down Lunch Buffet

Due to strong feedback from our 2008 Conference, all delegates will be provided a lunch buffet prepared by Best Western's top chefs. Lunch is included in your registration fee.

How to Register for the Conference

1. To get the best workshop selection, register online at www.ecebc.ca (follow the links). It is a secure credit card registration.
2. To register by mail, complete the Registration Form on the next page and send the form with cheque or money order to:
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3. To register by fax, fax the Registration Form on the next page to ECEBC at 604-709-6077. You must supply a credit card number.

Registrations are on a first-come-first-serve basis. No telephone registrations will be accepted.

For conference information, contact Alison Eagles Tel: 604-709-6063, ext. 6 / Toll-free: 1-800-797-5602, E-mail: conference.ecebc@look.ca

Cancellation Policy

Registration fees, less a \$40 administration charge, will be refunded if a cancellation request is received in writing by April 17, 2009. After this date, registration fees are non-refundable.

Membership Information

Not an ECEBC member? You can join ECEBC and be eligible for conference membership rates quickly and easily. Visit www.ecebc.ca to register or contact ECEBC at 604-709-6063 / Toll-free: 1-800-797-5602, E-mail: ecebc@direct.ca, Fax: 604-709-6077.

Pre-Conference Programs

For registration information about the Pre-Conference Programs, see page 4.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Conference

If you are interested in volunteering your time at Conference, we've got lots of great opportunities for you, including directional hosting, information, on-site registration, speakers' assistants, and more. For more information, contact Joan Astren at j.astren@shaw.ca.

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Address	City/Province	Postal code
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To register by mail or fax, fill out a separate form for each registrant. Please print clearly and keep a copy for your records. To claim ECEBC member's rate for Conference 2009, your ECEBC membership must be valid as of May 22, 2009.

Session Registration Instructions

Space is limited in many workshops so register early for best selection.

Indicate on the grid below your first, second, and third choices for sessions. Workshops are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis once full payment is received by ECEBC. We will inform you which sessions you have been assigned in your confirmation letter.

Day & Session	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Friday (A sessions)			
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Saturday (D sessions)			
Saturday (E sessions)			

Send Registration Form and payment to:

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Signature _____

Registration Fees

Conference Registration Fee (see page 20) \$ _____
(includes 5% GST & lunch)

Friday Night Gala @ \$45/ ticket (includes GST) \$ _____

IKEA Shopping Trip @ \$10/ticket (includes GST) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

ECEBC CONFERENCE TRAVEL BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

The ECEBC Board has earmarked \$10,000 from Endowment Funds to be used to offset the cost of delegates travelling to the ECEBC Conference in May 2009. The amounts disbursed to conference attendees in each geographical area will vary since some areas are more prohibitive due to high travel costs. Below is a breakdown of how the bursary funds will be distributed throughout the province:

Lower Mainland: \$500

Southern Vancouver Island: \$750

Northern Vancouver Island: \$750

Interior: \$2,000

Kootenays: \$3,000

North: \$3,000

If you would like to apply for the travel bursary, please fill out the application form below and return it to the ECEBC office by **April 17, 2009**. Please note that funds are limited, so not all applicants are guaranteed a bursary. Approved applicants will be contacted by May 1, 2009 with further details of the actual bursary amount. If you are accepted all receipts of travel costs will be required.

Name: _____

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Mailing address (include postal code): _____

How would you maximize these funds to attend the 2009 conference? (carpooling, bus charter, etc.)

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ACCOMMODATION

TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM

Both the Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre and the neighbouring Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel are offering a reduced conference rate for rooms and suites to ECEBC conference delegates. When making reservations, please identify yourself as part of the EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS OF BC group. To guarantee your space at the hotel and receive the reduced conference rate, your accommodation reservations must be made by **Saturday, April 18, 2009**. After this date, reservations can be made on an availability basis and at the best available rate.

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1-877-323-8888, or
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yvrsa

New Hotel Features This Year!

To accommodate the expanding needs of our conference we have booked additional conference space in the Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel, next door to the Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre. Using this combined space will alleviate the cramped conditions of the smaller meeting rooms used last year. As a courtesy to our guests both hotels will be offering group rates for guest rooms. The hotels will also be offering discounted parking rates to overnight guests. Please register your car with the hotel when you check in.

The Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre is also undergoing an extensive upgrade and renovation. In time for our conference, the hotel's lobby will have a new interactive destination where conference delegates can enjoy free Wi-Fi and desktop computers, watch television, read newspapers and magazines, and purchase a Starbucks coffee. Harold's, the hotel's restaurant and lounge, is also being re-conceptualized and will offer contemporary cuisine in a fun and comfortable environment.

GETTING TO RICHMOND

By Air

The Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre and Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel are just 10 minutes from the Vancouver International Airport, and both hotels provide complimentary shuttle service from the airport to the hotels. The shuttles depart from the airport every 30 minutes at 10 minutes past the hour and 20 minutes to the hour.

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If you are travelling by public transit, you can get detailed information on transit schedules in the Richmond area by calling TransLink at 604-953-3333 or visiting their web site at www.translink.bc.ca.

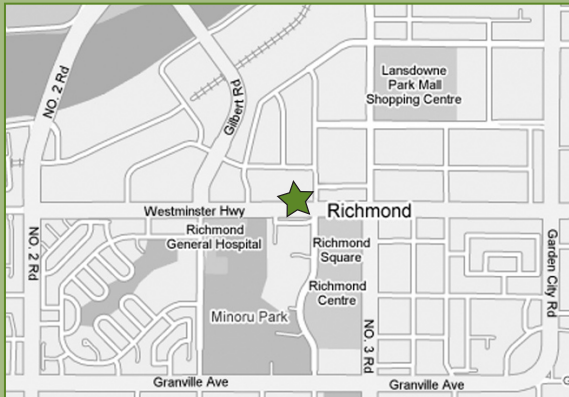
By Car

Located on Westminster Highway, the Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre is easily accessible by car or public transit. If you are driving, there is pay parking in the hotel parking lot for delegates during the conference. A map of Richmond is on the back cover of this booklet.



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