

# Honouring Childhood

Early Childhood Educators of BC  
36th Annual Conference



May 24 to 26, 2007

Best Western Richmond Hotel  
and Convention Centre  
Richmond, BC

# Join us for ECEBC's 36th Conference!

## Honouring Childhood

In spite of the current climate in child care and the large challenges that lie ahead, the ECEBC Board of Directors and the Conference Steering Committee are pleased to provide an opportunity for everyone in the field to come together. ECEBC's Conference has always been a time to learn from our colleagues, network, and gain strength from our solidarity — and this year is no exception. Given the difficulties we now face, networking is now more important than ever. We hope you will join us for the 36th Annual Conference that focuses on one of the most important reasons we are in the field: to honour children.

This year we are pleased to welcome two well-respected keynote speakers. Alan Pence will deliver the keynote address on "The One Hundred Languages of Children" on Friday, and on Saturday Carol Matthews will deliver the keynote address "A Second Look: Discovering New Ways of Honouring Children." This year's workshop lineup has many new presenters as well as popular workshops from previous conferences. Our pre-conference sessions include Leadership, Administration and Management (LAM) Module 3: Overview of the Program and the day-long program at the University of British Columbia on assessing children's development called "Innovative Assessment Practices Supporting Families and Community." The Conference will also have the ever-popular Silent Auction, Resource Fair, and Trade Fair, which always promises exciting treasures for you to discover and explore.

The Conference will also have lots of opportunities to network. We are pleased to host a Wine and Cheese and Early Shopping Event at the Conference Trade Show on Thursday evening, and Westcoast Childcare Resource Centre invites you to the Hard Times Hospitality Hour reception on Friday afternoon. The ECE Networking Hour during the lunch break on Friday is another opportunity for all delegates to come together to support one another, talk, and brainstorm.

ECEBC's Conference is a time to gain insight and to continue networking and building our bridge of knowledge. The role of an early childhood educator is critical in the lives of children and families. I encourage you to join us at our Conference in May so we can come together and gather strength.

*Jacquie Ennik-Laquerre, Director of Conference*  
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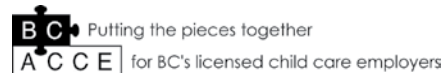
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# Conference At-A-Glance



## Thursday, May 24

*8:00 am to 3:30 pm*

Innovative Assessment Practices  
Supporting Families and Community  
(at University of British Columbia)

*9:00 am to 5:00 pm*

Overview of Program Administration,  
Module 3 of Leadership, Administra-  
tion, Management (LAM)

*7:00 pm to 9:00 pm*

Registration Desk open for early  
registration

*7:00 pm to 9:00 pm*

Wine and Cheese and Early Shopping  
Event at the Conference Trade Fair



## Friday, May 25

*8:00 am to 4:00 pm*

Registration Desk open

*8:30 am to 5:00 pm*

Trade Show, Resource Fair, and Silent  
Auction open

*8:30 am*

Official Opening and Keynote Address  
by Alan Pence

*10:45 am to 12:30 pm*

Morning Workshops (A sessions)

*12:30 pm to 2:00 pm*

Lunch

*1:00 pm to 2:00 pm*

ECE Networking Hour

*1:30 pm to 4:30 pm*

Ethical Journey, Session 3  
(Session 10B)

*2:15 pm to 4:00 pm*

Afternoon workshops (B sessions)

*4:30 pm to 6:30 pm*

Westcoast Child Care Resource  
Centre's Hard Times Hospitality Hour

## Saturday, May 26

*8:00 am to 2:00 pm*

Registration Desk open

*8:30 am to 3:00 pm*

Trade Show and Resource Fair open

*8:30 am to 1:45 pm*

Silent Auction open

*8:30 am*

Keynote Address by Carol Matthews

*9:30 am to 12:30 pm*

Ethical Journey, Session 1 (Session 10C)

*10:00 am to 10:30 am*

Coffee Break with Exhibitors

*10:45 am to 12:30 pm*

Morning Workshops (C Sessions)

*12:30 pm to 2:00 pm*

Lunch and  
ECEBC Annual General Meeting

*1:30 pm to 4:30 pm*

Ethical Journey, Session 2 (10D)

*2:15 pm to 4:00 pm*

Afternoon Workshops (D Sessions)

# Pre-Conference Programs

## **Innovative Assessment Practices: Supporting Families and Community**

*Neville Scarfe Building, Faculty of Education,  
University of British Columbia*

*Thursday, May 24, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm*

ECEBC in partnership with The CHILD Project, the Human Early Learning Partnership, the Infant Development Program of BC, the Psychoeducational Research and Training Centre, and the Supported Child Development Program of BC is pleased to present the fifth annual one-day workshop on assessing children's development.

This year's session will focus on "cutting edge" assessment technologies and service models in our communities. The topics will explore how accessible these technologies and services are to service providers, children, and families. Presenters will discuss ways of connecting health and education, early identification assessment, and intervention services. The day is designed for parents and a professionals working in a wide range of professions, including early childhood care and education, public health, mental health, infant development, supported child development, post-secondary early childhood, primary education, and pediatric healthcare.

The day includes:

- An opening keynote address by Dr. W. Thomas Boyce, UBC Professor and Sunny Hill Health Centre BC Leadership Chair in Child Development.
- Workshop presentations by Dr Laurie Ford, UBC; Kim Schonert Reichl, UBC; Dr. Jill Houbé, BC Children's Hospital; and others.
- A poster session and closing keynote address by Dr. Adele Diamond, Canada Research Chair and Professor of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience in the Department of Psychiatry, UBC, and BC Children's Hospital.

### **Registration Information**

Fee: \$100, \$45 for students. Refreshments and lunch are included.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To request an electronic copy of the Registration Package and for further information please send your e-mail address to [info@eventability.ca](mailto:info@eventability.ca)

To view presentations from previous Assessment Workshops please visit the HELP web site at: [www.earlylearning.bc.ca](http://www.earlylearning.bc.ca) and click on "Presentations General."



# Pre-Conference Programs

## **Leadership, Administration and Management (LAM) Module 3: Overview of Program Administration**

*Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre  
Thursday, May 24, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm*

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. BCACCE (BC Association of Child Care Employers) in partnership with ECEBC is pleased to offer Module 3 of LAM as part of the pre-conference program this year.

Module 3 is designed to provide an overview of functions and tasks related to program administration. We will examine organizational structures and the roll of not-for-profit and private sectors in the delivery of child care services. We will also look at the importance of developing and implementing comprehensive policies and procedures. Participants will leave with practical ideas on how to best manage their time and delegate tasks.



### **Registration Information**

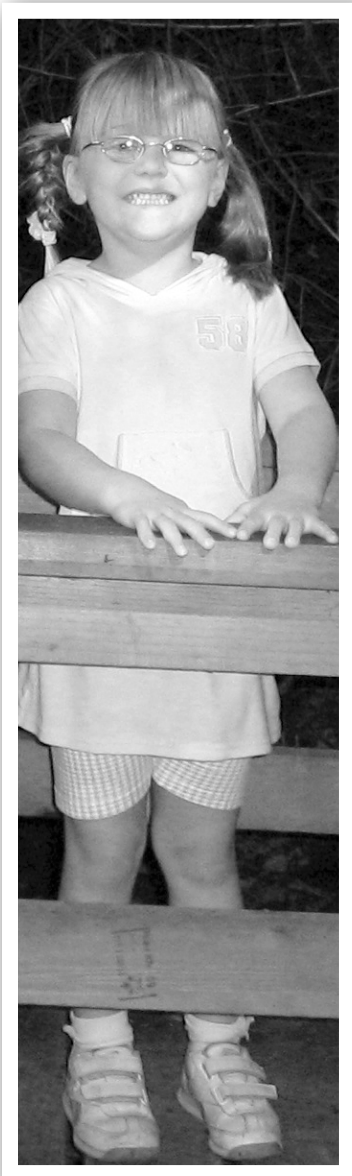
Fee: \$45 for BCACCE members, \$90 for non-members.

A light lunch is included, and BCACCE will hold its AGM over the lunch hour.

The group is restricted to 40 participants and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to BCACCE members.

Registration may be made by mail to BCACCE c/o Etovre Vese, 2881 Acadia Road, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1S1. Please include a cheque made payable to BCACCE with the full registration fee.

For more information, contact Etovre Vese at [evese@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:evese@interchange.ubc.ca) or visit the web site at [www.bcacce.ca](http://www.bcacce.ca).



# Conference Special Events

## Trade Show, Resource Fair, and Silent Auction

Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26

### Trade Show

Our Trade Show will once again be filled with your favourite exhibitors offering a wonderful selection of toys, books, equipment, and resources. Always a popular event, the Trade Show is a shopping experience not to be missed!

### Resource Fair

The Resource Fair is your opportunity to connect with the groups and organizations that support the ECE community. Meet representatives from the organizations, gather information, and learn more about allied services and resources.

### Silent Auction

There will be lots of great finds at this year's Silent Auction. Come see the selection and be sure to sign up to make some bids. You may even be the winning bidder! Bidding starts on Friday morning and closes at 1:45 pm on Saturday. With all the proceeds going towards ECEBC, everybody wins!

**New ECEBC merchandise is available at the ECEBC Table (beside the registration table).  
Be sure to check it out!**

### ECE Networking Hour

Friday, May 25, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Join your colleagues and board members to network, chat, offer support, and meet other professionals from around the province.

### Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre's Hard Times Hospitality Hour

Friday, May 25, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Regrettably, Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre will not be hosting the Annual Spring Fling Gala and Awards Dinner this year. With the recent devastating funding cuts to child care, this is hardly a year for celebration. It is, however, a time for us to come together with our colleagues to rally our strength for the road ahead. We invite you to join us! Visit the Westcoast table at the conference for more details about this event.

### ECEBC Branch Chair Networking with the Board of Directors

Saturday, May 26, 2:15 pm to 4:00 pm

We invite all ECEBC branch chairs to join us for a chance to reconnect, share information from your communities, and hear details about our next Branch Retreat. See session 9D.

### ECEBC Annual General Meeting

Saturday, May 26, 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

ECEBC's Annual General Meeting is an important opportunity for full members to vote on issues affecting the association and for all members to voice their opinions during the Open Forum. The new Board will be acclaimed and financial statements reviewed. Please bring your lunch and plan to attend this important meeting.

### New This Year!

### Wine and Cheese and Early Shopping Event *Thursday May 24, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm*

If you've ever found that you never have quite enough time for shopping and browsing at the Trade Show, this year you can enjoy a stress-free shopping experience on Thursday night! Come and peruse the exhibits as you enjoy a glass of wine and network with colleagues. Tickets are \$10 and a cash bar will be available.

# Keynote Speakers



## Alan Pence

**The 100 Languages of Children**  
*Friday, May 25, 8:30 am*

Alan Pence, professor, School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria, commenced his career in early childhood care, education and development in 1971 as a child care worker. During his first 10 years in the field he also served as a field-based trainer, part-time college instructor, and director of early childhood, school-age and residential care programs. He was appointed to the University of Victoria in 1981 and during the 1980s he co-directed the Victoria and Vancouver Day Care Research Projects and undertook the Canadian National Child Care Study with colleagues. Since 1990 his work has focused primarily on cross-cultural issues in ECD working with indigenous communities in Canada and with ECD leaders, primarily in Africa and the Middle East. He is the founder of both the First Nations Partnership Program and the Early Childhood Development Virtual University. He has published over 100 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and monographs on a range of child related topics. He has recently completed his tenth book, *Supporting Indigenous Children's Development: Community-University Partnerships* (with Jessica Ball), and the well-regarded volume *Beyond Quality in Early Childhood Education and Care* (with Gunilla Dahlberg and Peter Moss) is being released in its second edition in 2007.

*Alan Pence and Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw will facilitate the session "Reconceptualizing Practices in Early Childhood Education: Opening Towards Diversity" that will extend the issues identified in the keynote address. See Workshop 1A.*



## Carol Matthews

**A Second Look: Discovering New Ways of Honouring Children**

*Saturday, May 26, 8:30 am*

Carol Matthews has worked as a social worker, executive director of Nanaimo Family Life, and as a faculty member and dean at Malaspina University-College, where she remains involved as an honorary research associate. In 1999 she was awarded the Association of Community Colleges National Award for Excellence in Leadership. She has a strong interest in the non-profit sector and has served on and consults with a number of local and provincial boards. She has published articles, essays, and short fiction in a variety of journals and newspapers across the country. Carol's lifelong interest in children and families, as well as her insight and humour, are evident in her recent book, *The First Three Years of a Grandmother's Life*, and her forthcoming collection of short stories, *Incidental Music*, which will be published by Oolichan Books later this year.

*Following her keynote address, Carol Matthews will be available for book signing at the Registration Desk.*



*'Bird'* by Emmett Sparling, 7 yrs



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## Friday Morning Sessions

10:45 am to 12:30 pm

### 1A Reconceptualizing Practices in Early Childhood Education: Opening Towards Diversity

In this session Alan Pence and Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw will discuss reconceptualizing early childhood education and extend the ideas and issues from Alan Pence's keynote address "The 100 Languages of Children."

Presenters: Alan Pence (see bio on page 5). Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw is a faculty member at the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria. Her research, writing, and activities converge on issues of social justice, reconceptualist practices, and child care. She co-directs the Investigating Quality Project and coordinates the Early Years Specialization at the University of Victoria.

### 2A Including Aboriginal Content in Your Curriculum

Participants will gain ideas on ways to include Aboriginal content into their environment, curriculum, materials, and resources.

Presenter: Pam Moore is Tsimshian from the Laxkwalaams Band and has been in the field for over 20 years working in Head Start programs and in a FASD program for Aboriginal children. Jamie Boxall is Tsimshian of the Raven Clan and is an ECE at Comox Valley Aboriginal Head Start. Janet Wilson is Ojibway and is an ECE at the Comox Valley Aboriginal Head Start Preschool.

### 3A Music with Young Children

Explore appropriate music and singing experiences for young children in this fun, active, and creative session.

Presenter: Allan Hirsch, a.k.a Alleyoop, has over 30 years of experience educating and entertaining children. He is a frequent presenter at ECEBC conferences and his concerts and recordings are popular all over the Northwest.

### 4A Fun Family Phonics

Fun Family Phonics is a creative, play-centred language and literacy program — and kids love it! Participants will learn ways to playfully give children the tools that will help them in their journey toward becoming good readers.

Presenter: Muriel Endersby is the author of Fun Family Phonics. She has been an ECE, a teacher, and an ECE instructor for many years, and previously owned a preschool in White Rock, BC.

### 5A The Child Care Subsidy Program

This workshop is an orientation to the Child Care Subsidy Program, the monthly payment that assists eligible BC families with the cost of child care. Participants will get accurate and up-to-date information on the Child Care Subsidy, learn about the new subsidy service-delivery model, and find out about the Child Care Subsidy Service Centre.

Presenters: Kira Reynolds and Christine Kapoor are community liaison officers for the Child Care Subsidy Operations, Ministry of Children and Family Development. They seek input and providing training to community partners, child care providers, and parents throughout the province.

### 6A Scintillating Child-Centered Storytelling

Child-centred storytelling honours all learning styles and lets children be children. This hands-on, practical, interactive session focuses on making children (not stories) the centre of a storytelling session. Participants will learn simple techniques to include children in the story preparation by drawing from the children's interests and including the children's ideas in the stories.





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Presenter: Marie Kelly has 35 years experience as a professional storyteller and workshop leader. She has been an elementary teacher, ECE, and children's librarian.

## 7A Social-Emotional Development of Young Children

When children feel good about themselves and know how to regulate their emotions, they are more likely to succeed in group situations, concentrate and learn, communicate their feelings, and have positive relations with others. This session will focus on how ECEs can provide a nurturing environment and create trusting relationships to foster the social-emotional development in young children.

Presenter: Dorothy Polukoshko is a trainer at Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre and has many years of experience working in a variety of child care facilities.

## 8A The "Art" of Creative Expression

A wonderful, uplifting, hands-on workshop focusing on the process of creating art and sensory activities for young children. Come discover — or re-discover — the enjoyment of presenting art to children of all ages and gain new ideas for your programs.

Presenter: Louise Ewen has many years of experience as an early childhood educator in preschool and toddler group care. She has worked for a library facilitating story times and has presented workshops on storytelling, art, and working with toddlers.

## 9A Honouring the Child: Drawing Out Potential with Brain Gym

Brain Gym, from the field of educational kinesiology, is based on understanding child development through play and movement. In this session participants will learn Brain Gym movements and ways to provide a safe context to help draw out each child's inner potential. Learn how Brain Gym helps children release reflexive patterns through play and movement and how it fosters children's inner knowing.

Presenter: Lori Wall is a licensed Brain Gym instructor, who is trained in specialized kinesiology, sensory integration, and developmental learning strategies.

## 10A We Can Afford a Child Care System

So often, decision-makers say they are committed to children but just don't have the money for an expensive child care system. This workshop will give participants the tools and facts to respond to such claims. Participants will have an opportunity to develop a budget, learn a financial strategy for quality, universal child care services in BC. In addition to deepening the understanding of an effective child care public investment, the workshop will examine funding for child care and how governments' budgets are developed.

Presenter: Lynell Anderson is a certified general accountant and child care advocate who has worked in and with communities, businesses, and various levels of government for more than 20 years, and has developed specific examples in child care finances.

## Friday Afternoon Sessions 2:15 pm to 4:00 pm

### 1B What's Hot and What's Not in Child Care Advocacy

As of March 31, 2007, BC lost \$455 million in federal funds for child care. What this means for BC child care providers and the services they provide in group, family, and school-aged settings is troubling indeed! This workshop will provide an update on the federal and provincial child care scene. Through interactive discussion and hands-on activities, participants will build "hot" advocacy messages to keep child care front and centre on the public's agenda.

Presenter: Rita Chudnovsky, MEd, is the facilitator of the BC Child Care Advocacy Forum and an instructor in the Child, Family, and Communities Studies program at Douglas College.

### 2B Young Children's Rough and Tumble Play: Implications for Educators

Do you ever feel uncertain about how to supervise rough and tumble play in your setting? This workshop will consider the issues for the inclusion or exclusion of such play, consider the perspectives of parents, and examine rough and tumble play in children's literature.



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Participants will gain insight on the role of rough and tumble play and learn to develop a policy for managing the play in their settings.

Presenter: Michelle Tannock completed her doctoral studies at the University of Victoria and is now an assistant professor in the Department of Special Education at the University of Nevada. Her research interests focus on the play of young children within inclusive programs.

## **3B Spot, Jot, and Do**

Spot, Jot, and Do is a planning process for generating "curriculum" in an ongoing, interactive, and sensory way. This workshop will demonstrate how planning curriculum and honouring children's play is fun, easy, and limitless.

Presenter: Natalie Lucas has a Human Services diploma CYC/ECCE and is a special needs caregiver and manager of three licensed centres in the Slokan Valley.

This session is also offered on Saturday morning, see 7C.

## **4B Leap BC (Literacy Education Activity and Play)**

An interactive workshop to explore this new, innovative program. LEAP is designed to promote literacy in children up to age 5 by integrating language skills with play, and providing parents, caregiv-

ers, and educators with tools and resources to encourage physical activity and healthy eating in the settings where young children live, learn, and play.

Presenters: Fiona Morrison is the director of Family Literacy and Early Learning Literacy Now, 2010 Legacies Now. Marion Taylor is working on LEAP BC and has 25 years of senior management experience in the not-for-profit sector. Alison Preece is an associate professor of language and literacy and co-director of graduate programs in ECE at the University of Victoria.

## **5B Making the Move: Leaving the Floor to Move into Management**

There are times when senior early childhood educators find themselves moving into managerial roles, but there is a lack of education and information on duties of centre managers. This session will focus on the management communication skills you need when you are an ECE wanting to move into a managerial role. Come learn about this important process!

Presenter: Lori Roberts is an early childhood educator, the community support consultant for the North Shore Childcare Resource and Referral Program, and a mother of two children.



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## 6B Exploring Science with Young Children

The word “science” can elicit anxiety in many educators. By participating in this hands-on/minds-on workshop, you will learn the importance of implementing science activities with young children while discovering how easily these can be integrated into daily routines.

Presenter: Maria Varju is an education specialist for Let’s Talk Science with over 15 years of experience working with children of all ages in a variety of situations.

## 7B The Research is Clear: Who Knows? Who Cares?

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn more about the recent research on child care policy and funding in BC from representatives from the Early Learning and Child Care Research Unit, part of the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP). The workshop will examine BC’s place within a broader national and international context, and participants will discuss what these findings imply for their work in advancing and strengthening quality child care services throughout the province.

Presenters: Representatives from HELP’s Early Learning and Child Care Research Unit.



## 8B Living and Learning with FASD

Come join this informative workshop that is full of current, workable, functional, and encouraging techniques that are geared toward early childhood educators and parents of children living with disabilities. The techniques can be adapted to any home or learning environment.

Presenter: Teresia Loudon is the program facilitator for Friday’s Child “Playing in the Light” program. Raymond Kioke is the family networker for Friday’s Child. Terry Galliger is ECE support staff for Friday’s Child.

## 9B Circle Time Fun and Games

Make your circle time come alive with musical games, finger plays, clapping games, singing games, parachute games and much, much more. This workshop will show you new activities you can implement right away, as well as the theory and purpose of these activities.

Presenter: Allan Hirsch, a.k.a Alleyoop, has over 30 years of experience educating and entertaining children. He is a frequent presenter at ECEBC conferences and his concerts and recordings are popular all over the Northwest.

## 10B Best Choices: The Ethical Journey, Session 3

Participants who have completed Sessions 1 and 2 of the Ethical Journey can now continue their journey in Session 3. This session guides us in the examination of making an ethical decision. This examination prepares us in the complexities in making “best choice” decisions, and recognizes that many best choices may exist. You will look into your personal commitments to ethical decision-making in practice.

Presenter: Beverly Christian is the assistant director at UBC Child-care Services. Marg Rodrigues has been a licensed family child care practitioner for over 20 years and is a past president of the Canadian Child Care Federation.

**Note: This workshop runs from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

Participants must have taken Sessions 1 and 2 to be able to take this session. Bring along the certificate you were given in your first session so that your Session 3 attendance seal can be added.



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## Saturday Morning Sessions

10:45 am to 12:30 pm

### 1C Here We Are Together: Tips for Multicultural Circle Times

Are you new to the field and terrified of circle time? Or do you just want some new and creative ideas? Come discuss the functions of group time in early learning environments, review basis tips, and explore how we can use multicultural materials in circle time to honour and reflect diversity of our society. This workshop is best suited for students and those who are new to the ECE field.

Presenter: Sarah Chapman-Chen is a trainer at Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre and has expertise in the areas of diversity and bullying prevention.

### 2C Musical Fun: Action Songs and Singing Games

From finger rhymes and action songs to creative movement and singing games, you'll discover developmentally appropriate resources to allow children to grow creatively. Come prepared to sing along and learn through musical play.

Presenter: Pam Southwell is an ECE, a certified teacher, the owner of Muddle Puddle Preschool, and an advocate for imaginative play and creative development in early childhood.

### 3C Waldorf Education: Truly Respectful Interactions with Children

Waldorf education is still a mystery for many. This slide-presentation will outline the essence of a Waldorf environment, which is quite different from most centres and schools: no plastic toys, soft colours, and lots of natural wood toys and furniture. The curriculum centres around reverence and respect for a child's natural imagination, and a calm environment helps to ensure respectful interactions for children.

Presenter: Margo Running has a degree in ECE from Arizona and has completed training in Waldorf kindergarten and caregiving. She has

taught Waldorf kindergarten and now runs a child care program in North Vancouver for babies to school-age children.

### 4C Contextual Supervision: Practia in ECCE

Participants will be introduced to "contextual supervision," a philosophy and method of working with student teachers that maximizes the experience for both parties.

Presenter Sylvia Watt, MA, has 20 years of experience on the floor and 10 years of experience in a college classroom.

### 5C Worth of Caring

Caregivers tend to forget about their own needs and have a tendency to burn out. Self care is an essential ingredient for being an effective childcare educator. Participants will learn how to develop mutually respectful relationships with themselves and others and how to communicate their wishes without pleas and/or threats.

Presenter: Nada Banic is a family counselor who works with children and families.

### 6C Building Skills through Science

What skills can young children develop while investigating the world around them? Discover how doing hands-on activities that use science as a context can build children's inquiry and problem solving skills, language and literacy skills, physical skills, and personal and social skills. By engaging in fun, simple, science-based activities, learn how young children can explore the wonders of the world while using a variety of skills.



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Presenter: Maria Varju is an education specialist for Let's Talk Science, and has over 15 years of experience working with children of all ages in a variety of situations.

## 7C Spot, Jot, and Do

This session is also offered on Friday afternoon. See 3B for description.

## 8C Rhythmic Art: Rhythm, Song, and Movement for Group Programming

Rhythm is a part of our daily lives — we simply need to develop this awareness! This workshop provides a high energy, dynamic, multi-sensory, kinesthetic, and creative experience that focuses on rhythm, song, and movement. You'll walk away energized and have some practical ideas on how to implement rhythmic art in your group program.

Presenter: Angela Roy is the founder of the rhythmic program Expression, which she designed based on her years of experience as a performing artist and educator. She has worked in the child development field for over a decade.

## 9C Dealing with Difficult People

"You wouldn't believe what she said..." "You should have heard him after that..." "It wouldn't have mattered what we did, we couldn't have pleased her..." Why are some people so difficult? Why do we end up making statements like these about our day-to-day dealings with people? Are we ever difficult ourselves? Take a practical look at improving your skills and your attitude with difficult people. Enhance your ability to deal with difficult people and discover the power of action vs. reaction, workable compromise, balancing control, key word emphasis, and trigger word power.

Presenter: Brenda Robinson is a speaker, trainer, writer, and consultant who has been addressing groups for over 20 years on topics related to communications, humour, positive working skills, and wellness in general.

**Note: This session runs from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

## 10C Best Choices: Ethical Journey, Session 1

Child care practitioners work with one of the most vulnerable groups in society: our young children. The gravity of the responsibility calls for a commitment to the highest standards of ethical practice. Knowing about your professional code of ethics and living your code of ethics affect your daily decision-making process.

This is the first session of a four-part series that is designed for child care practitioners to guide them along an ethical journey. Session 1 helps participants understand how our own beliefs, values, and ethics affect our daily decision-making process.

Presenters: Beverly Christian is the assistant director at UBC Child-care Services. Marg Rodrigues has been a licensed family child care practitioner for over 20 years and is a past president of the Canadian Child Care Federation.

**Note: This session runs from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Certificates will be provided at the end of this session. For information on Session 2, see 10D.

## Saturday Afternoon Sessions

**2:15 pm to 4:00 pm**

### 1D Babies, Breasts, and Brains

Did you know that the World Health Organization recommends that breastfeeding be continued into the second year of life and beyond? This workshop will help you to understand how breastfeeding affects children's healthy development and how nature has designed breast milk to maximize human brain development. It will also give you information on how child care practitioners can promote breastfeeding, support nursing mothers as they transition back to work, and develop comprehensive policies and procedures for breastfeeding child care parents or staff.

Presenters: Lynne Reside is the director of a non-profit child care



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society in the North Okanagan, which operates many child care programs including three infant/toddler programs. Nancy Smith is a lactation consultant at Vernon Jubilee Hospital. She has worked as a maternity nurse and lactation consultant for over 30 years.

## 2D Honouring Childhood: Celebrating Family Diversity

Recognizing and respecting family diversity is central to supporting and honouring childhood and creating quality, inclusive environments. Families are both alike and different; universal and unique. Join us to explore families through a diversity lens and consider ways to enrich and enhance our relationships with them.

Presenters: Gyda Chud has taught ECE and been a leader in diversity, multicultural, and anti-bias training for ECEs, instructors, and community leaders. Maryann Bird recently returned from Ottawa where she was the executive director for the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada.

## 3D Stories and Storytelling

A workshop to share in the magic of stories. Learn the simple techniques of storytelling and of the importance of storytelling in the lives of children and adults alike.

Presenter: Pam Southwell is an ECE, a certified teacher, the owner of Muddle Puddle Preschool, and an advocate for imaginative play and creative development in early childhood.

## 4D Raising Responsible Children

Children develop their responsibility gradually, when they feel secure and able to trust a significant adult. This workshop explores how we can create trustworthy and empowering relationships with children so that we can provide them with age-appropriate opportunities to be responsible.

Presenter: Nada Banic is a family counselor who works with children and families.

## 5D Using Classroom-Based Research to Inform Teaching Strategies

This session explores how collecting observation data can lead to new, innovative approaches. Participants will be led through the process of developing time sampling or event sampling forms to address their concerns for a particular child in their care.

Presenter Sylvia Watt, MA, has 20 years experience on the floor and 10 years of experience in a college classroom. Sylvia brings a new perspective to combining research and practice.

## 6D Pathways

A workshop focusing on rhythm, song, gestures, and language arts to help you build creative rhythmic language arts activities in your program. Explore how song and movement have the power to create unique cultural social exchanges, support positive group dynamics, increase social understanding, and develop individual leadership within early development and education programs.

Presenter: Angela Roy is the founder of the rhythmic program Expression, which she designed based on her years of experience as a performing artist and educator. She has worked in the child development field for over a decade.

## 7D Honouring the Uniqueness of Working with Infants and Toddlers

You are invited to come down to the level of an infant and toddler. What makes infant and toddler programs so unique? How can we celebrate the uniqueness of who they are as little people in the daily schedules, routines, and philosophies within our programs and our own philosophy? Join this informative, sharing, and honouring workshop. You will leave uplifted and empowered!

Presenter: Jacquie Ennik-Laquerre is the current ECEBC Director of Conference and has been the program supervisor at UNBC Cub's Corner Toddler Centre in Prince George for the past 10 years. She is passionate about the little people in this age group.

# Sessions on Saturday May 26



## 8D Communication Skills

As soon as we are born we begin to communicate. Does that mean it comes naturally? Some of it — yes — most of it — no! Both personally and professionally, poor communication skills are often the barrier between personal and professional success that we need to overcome to achieve our goals and ambitions in life. In this session you'll explore and discuss methods, approaches, and ideas for improving and enhancing your skills as a communicator!

Presenter: Brenda Robinson is a speaker, trainer, writer, and consultant who has been addressing groups for over 20 years on topics related to communications, humour, positive working skills, and wellness in general.

**Note: This session runs from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.**

## 9D Collaboration: A Follow-up Meeting for ECEBC Branch Chairs and the Board of Directors

This is a chance for ECEBC branch chairs and the Board of Directors to network and connect. All branch chairs are invited to attend this session to share information from communities around the province, meet and reconnect with Board members, and hear the details about the next Branch Retreat.

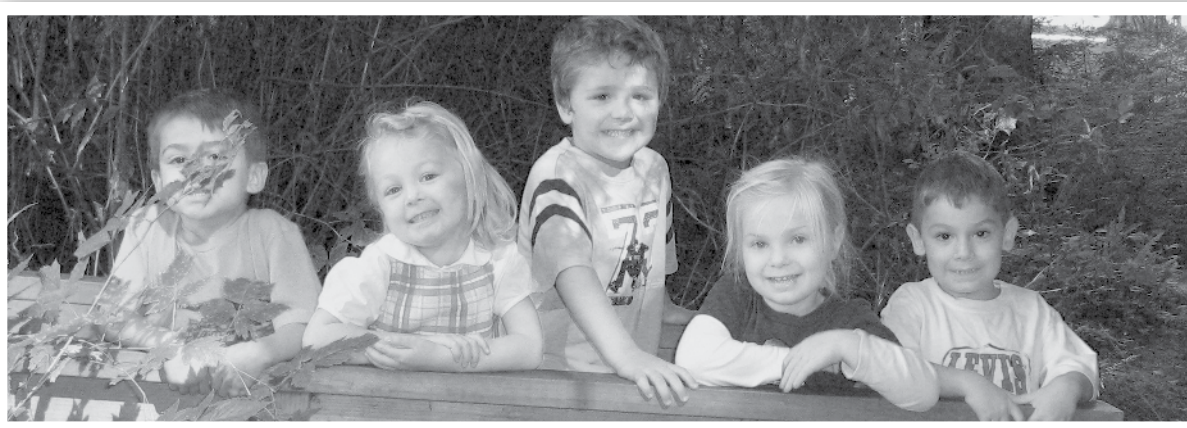
## 10D Best Choices: Ethical Journey, Session 2

Session 2 will cover ethical dilemmas and introduce us to our professional code of ethics. The Canadian Child Care Federation Code of Ethics and the guide to ethical decision making is the basis for this journey.

Presenters: Beverly Christian is the assistant director at UBC Childcare Services. Marg Rodrigues has been a family child care practitioner for over 20 years and is the past president of the Canadian Child Care Federation.

**Note: This workshop runs from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

Participants must have taken Session 1 to be able to take this session. See 10B for information on Session 1. Bring along the certificate you were given in your first session so that your Session 2 attendance seal can be added.



# Conference Registration Fees

Membership Category	Early bird rate	Rate after April 20, 2007
<b>ECEBC members (full and associate)</b>		
2-day registration	\$160.00	\$200.00
1-day registration	\$ 95.00	\$135.00
<b>Student ECEBC members</b>		
2-day registration	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
1-day registration	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
<b>Non-members of ECEBC</b>		
2-day registration	\$350.00	\$375.00
1-day registration	\$250.00	\$275.00

## How to Register for Conference

To register by mail or fax, complete the Registration Form on page 15 and send the form with payment to:

### ECEBC

210 West Broadway, 2nd Floor  
Vancouver, BC V5Y 3W2  
Fax: 604-709-5662

To register by fax you must supply a credit card.  
No telephone registrations will be accepted.

### For more information, contact the ECEBC office

Tel: 604-709-6063 or 1-800-797-5602  
E-mail: ecebc@direct.ca

### Cancellation Policy

Registration fees, less a \$40 administration charge, will be refunded if cancellation is received in writing by April 20, 2007. After this date, registration fees are non-refundable.

### Food Service

Saturday lunch tickets are \$12. Lunch includes a sandwich, drink, dessert, and fruit. Vegetarian options will be available. Please indicate on the Registration Form if you want to purchase a lunch ticket. Your lunch ticket will be included in your on-site package that you receive at the conference.

*Please note:* Lunch will be provided on Saturday only. There are several food service options in and near the hotel for Friday.

## Pre-Conference Programs

To register for **Innovative Assessment Practices Supporting Families and Community** at UBC, contact:  
EventAbility  
E-mail: info@eventability.ca  
Tel: 604-214-3490

To register for **Overview of Program Administration (LAM Module 3)**, contact:  
Etovre Vese at evese@interchange.ubc.ca

## Register Before April 20, 2007

If you register by April 20, 2007, your name will go into the draw to win either a complimentary registration to ECEBC's 2007 Conference or one night's accommodation at the Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre.

## Would you like to volunteer at the Conference?

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

## ECEBC Membership Information

For more information contact  
Sarah Leary at ECEBC  
Tel: 604-709-6063  
Toll-free: 1-800-797-5602  
E-mail: ecebc@direct.ca



## Participant Information

Last name	First name	Centre/Organization
Address	City/Province	Postal code
Home phone	Work phone	Fax
		E-mail

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 2007, your ECEBC membership must be valid as of May 24, 2007.

Are you a member of ECEBC Early Childhood Educators of BC ECEBC?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you a member of BCACCE (BC Association of Child Care Employers)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you a current member of Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this your first time at Conference?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

## 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 morning and afternoon workshops for each day you are planning to attend. 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 am (A sessions)			
Friday pm (B sessions)			
Saturday am (C sessions)			
Saturday pm (D sessions)			

## Method of Payment

- Cheque or money order, payable to ECEBC 2007  
 Money order, payable to ECEBC 2007     VISA     MasterCard

Card no. \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of card holder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Fees

Conference Registration Fee (see page 14)	\$ _____
Wine and Cheese and Early Shopping Event @ \$10 per ticket	\$ _____
Saturday lunch ticket (see page 14) @ \$12 per ticket	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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Vancouver, BC, V5Y 3W2

## 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 and at the Annual General Meeting.

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

**Associate Member** — holds post-secondary certification (certificate, diploma, or degree) in a related field or has been a full member of ECEBC and is now retired from the early childhood education field.

*Except for student members, all new member fees include a one-time application fee.*

### Member Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City/Province/Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

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Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$132: new associate   | (\$11.00 monthly) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$122: renew associate | (\$10.17 monthly) |

### Payment

**Cheque** (or two cheques, one post-dated)  
– payable to ECEBC

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*ECEBC also has a pre-authorized monthly payment option. Call 604-709-6063 or 1-800-797-5602 for a pre-authorized payment form.*

# Getting to Conference

## Getting to Richmond

### By Air

Air Canada/Air Canada Jazz  
Telephone: 1-888-247-2262  
Book online: [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)  
or [www.flyjazz.ca](http://www.flyjazz.ca)

### WestJet

Telephone: 1-800-538-5696  
Book online: [www.westjet.com](http://www.westjet.com)  
Please note that the Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre provides complimentary shuttle service from the Vancouver International Airport to the Hotel departing from the airport every 30 minutes at 10 minutes past the hour and 20 minutes to the hour.

### By Coach

Greyhound serves most communities in the province. Call your local Greyhound station for more information on times and fares from your area to Richmond.

## Getting to the Hotel

Best Western Richmond Hotel and  
Convention Centre  
7551 Westminster Highway  
Richmond, BC V6X 1A3  
1-800-663-0299 or 604-273-7878

The Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre is easily accessible by public transit. For more detailed information on transit schedule information in the Richmond area, call Translink at 604-953-3333 or visit their website at [www.translink.bc.ca](http://www.translink.bc.ca). If you prefer to drive, there is complimentary parking in the hotel parking lot for delegates during the conference. A map of Richmond is on the back page.

## Conference Accommodation

To reserve accommodation at the Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre, please contact the hotel directly. Telephone 1-800-663-0299 or 604-273-7878, fax 604-273-0188 or e-mail [reservations@richmond-hotel.ca](mailto:reservations@richmond-hotel.ca). Single and double rooms are available to ECEBC delegates at the reduced rate of \$119.00 per night (plus applicable taxes). To ensure you receive this special rate, please identify yourself as part of the **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS OF BC** group and register by **Friday, April 20, 2007**. In order to guarantee your space at the hotel and receive the reduced rate, your accommodation reservations must be made by **Friday, April 20, 2007**. After this date, reservations can be made on an availability basis and at the best available rate.





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