


Expanding Our Horizons



Early Childhood Educators of BC
35th Annual Conference
May 11 - May 13, 2006

Best Western Richmond Hotel
and Convention Centre
Richmond, BC



Join us for ECEBC's 35th Conference!

The ECEBC Board of Directors, the Conference Steering Committee, and Conference partners invite you to join us for Expanding Our Horizons.

Our theme this year reflects our personal and professional capacity to seek ideas and solutions beyond ourselves and our immediate community. This action involves risk-taking, "thinking outside the box," and perhaps re-defining roles and responsibilities within the field of early childhood care and education. The year 2006 has already presented us with new challenges. Our realization of a national child care plan appears threatened and more than ever, we need to think and plan creatively together. We must continue to seek and build partnerships and tap available resources in order to expand rather than reduce services to children and families. These challenges are not new to our field and they are not insurmountable.

Our conference always provides an exciting opportunity to network with others across and beyond our province — to share challenges and celebrations and to support one another in our continuing work to improve communication, services, working conditions, and wages. Come and discover with us ways to meet the challenge to expand our horizons and our potential to affect positive change in the provision of quality and sustainable child care programs.

Again, we are pleased to offer a rich and diverse menu of presentations and events. Pre-conference events include training sessions on Leadership, Administration, and Management (LAM) Module 2 and a chance to tour the day-long workshop Supporting Children's Social and Emotional Health; Assessment Tools, Research and Practice at the University of British Columbia. We are also excited to once again invite you to attend the child care centres at Simon Fraser University, Westcoast's Annual Spring Fling Gala, our silent auction, trade show, resource fair, and more. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to network with others in the child care sector.

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Conference At-A-Glance

Thursday, May 11

- 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
Supporting Children's Social and Emotional Health: Assessment Tools, Research, and Practice (at University of British Columbia)
- 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Our Child Care Context Module 2 of Leadership, Administration, Management (LAM)
- 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Child Care Centres Tour
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby
- 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Ikea Shopping Trip

Friday, May 12

- 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 to 10:00 am
Official Opening and Keynote Presentation by Frances Ricks
- 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Ethical Journey, Session 1 (Session12A)
- 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Coffee Break with Exhibitors
- 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
Food for Thought: The Future of Child Care in BC
- 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Ethical Journey, Session 2 (12B)
- 2:15 pm to 4:00 pm
Afternoon Workshops (B Sessions)
- 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm
Westcoast's 6th Annual Spring Fling Gala Dinner

Saturday, May 13

- 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 to 10:00 am
ECEBC Annual General Meeting
- 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
- 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Ethical Journey, Session 4 (10D)
- 2:15 pm to 4:00 pm
Afternoon Workshops (D Sessions)



Pre-Conference Professional Development

Supporting Children's Social and Emotional Health: Assessment Tools, Research, and Practice

Angus Building, University of British Columbia

Thursday, May 11, 2006, 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, and the UBC Psychoeducational Research and Training Centre, is pleased to present the fourth annual one-day workshop on assessing children's development.

This year's session will feature stimulating presentations on many issues affecting children's social and emotional health. The program will focus on assessment tools for measuring children's social and emotional well being, what the research is telling us, and what is happening in community programs that are offering support to young children and their families.

The day is designed for both parents and professionals working in early childhood care and education settings, infant development and supported child development, post-secondary early childhood programs, primary education, and special education environments.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Nancy Cohen, director of research at the Hincks-Dellcrest Centre for Children's Mental Health and the Hincks-Dellcrest Institute, and professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto

Workshop presenters include Dr. Laurie Ford, UBC, Dr. Kim Schonert Reichl, UBC, and Dr. Michaela Gummerum, the CHILD Project, UBC, and Beth Hutchinson, Parent-Child Mother Goose Program.

Return bus transportation will be available from the ECEBC Conference Site in Richmond to UBC for \$9 per person.

Registration Information

Fee: \$100, \$45 for students

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To request a registration package, please contact EventAbility at info@eventability.ca or phone 604-214-3490.

Leadership, Administration, and Management (LAM) Module 2: Our Child Care Context

Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre

Thursday, May 11, 2006, 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. BCACCS (BC Association of Child Care Services) in partnership with ECEBC is pleased to offer Module 2 of LAM.

Module 2, Our Child Care Context, is designed to provide an opportunity for participants to explore the socio-political environment in which child care services currently exist. The goals of this module are:

- To increase understanding of the range of child services
- To explore the multi-faceted role of child care in promoting the health and well-being of children, families, and communities
- To recognize how Canadian social policy is influenced by a range of views of the role of child care in society.

We will also take time to understand the concept and role of advocacy in developing policy and influencing perspectives. Participants will leave with a variety of print resources and tools to promote active advocacy.

Registration Information

Fee: \$25 for BCACCS member,
\$60 for non-members

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

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

For more information, contact Etovre Vese at evese@interchange.ubc.ca.

Conference Special Events



**Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Frances Ricks**

*Friday, May 12,
8:30 am to 10:00 am*

What is the difference between leadership and management? Between inspiration and motivation? Dr. Frances Ricks believes that to expand horizons it is necessary to rethink old ways in light of new times. In this participatory keynote address, she will challenge us to be more aware of how we limit ourselves and live comfortably within the boundaries we know and love. Expanding horizons takes the courage to have greater awareness and understanding of all our relationships through expanded consciences and consciousness. Dr. Ricks will help us see how we are responsible for our own inspiration at work.

Frances Ricks, PhD, is an emeritus professor with the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria in Victoria, BC. She has been involved in the education and training of child and youth care workers across Canada for over 30 years. Her special topics of research and education include case management, working with families, ethics in child and youth care, mentoring, building capacity in aboriginal communities, sexual abuse, self awareness in practice planning, and post-secondary pedagogy and curriculum. In addition to numerous published articles, she and co-authors have written the following books: *Accountability Case Management*, *Breaking the Rules*, *All Together Now: Creating a Social Capital Mosaic*, and *Emergent Practice Planning*.

Child Care Centres Tour of Simon Fraser University

Thursday, May 11, 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Departing from the Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre at 5:30 pm, our tour will include a mix of infant/toddler and three-to-five centres at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby. At each centre you'll have a chance to ask questions, take photos, and jot notes. A reception will follow the tours. Register early — space is limited! The cost of the tour is \$15 per person.

Shopping Trip to Ikea

Thursday, May 11, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

In town without a vehicle and yearning for a shopping spree at Ikea? Then come along to browse or shop till you drop. The bus to Ikea departs at 6:30 pm sharp from the Best Western Richmond Hotel and will return you to the hotel at 9:00 pm. Space is limited so sign up early. The cost of this adventure is \$15 per person.

Food For Thought: The Future of Child Care in BC

Friday, May 12, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Following the recent federal election and the threat to the vision of a national child care policy, there will be plenty to discuss at this event focusing on the future of child care in our province. Please join us for a provocative discussion. This is a great opportunity to connect on a political level about important issues currently facing the child care field. Come to express your thoughts or just to learn more. This event is open to all!



Conference Special Events



ECEBC Annual General Meeting

Saturday May 13, 8:30 am to 10:00 am

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 plan to attend this important meeting.



ECEBC Branch Chair Networking with the Board of Directors

Saturday, May 13, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Join us for a wonderful chance to reconnect, share information from your local communities, and hear details about our next Branch Retreat! Please confirm your attendance by April 12 by contacting Sarah at the ECEBC office. E-mail: ecebc@direct.ca, telephone: 604-709-6063 or 1-800-797-5602.



Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre Sixth Annual Fundraising and Spring Fling Gala Dinner

*Best Western Richmond Hotel and Convention Centre
Friday May 12, 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm*

Westcoast invites you to this special evening of fine food, friendship, and fun. It's a chance to catch up with old friends, meet new colleagues, and dine on delicious food. We will also announce the recipients of the Keep the Kite Flying High Child Care Awards.

Individual tickets are \$45 or you can purchase a table at the reduced price of \$400 for 10 tickets. Tables and individual tickets can be ordered with your ECEBC Conference Registration or can be purchased directly from Westcoast.

For more information or to order your tickets please contact Westcoast at 604-709-5661, toll free at 1-877-262-0022, or visit the Westcoast web site at www.wstcoast.org.



Trade Show, Resource Fair, and Silent Auction

Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13

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 sign-up — you may be the winning bidder! The Silent Auction will be held in the Garden View Room beside the conference registration desk. Bidding starts on Friday morning and closes at 1:45 pm on Saturday. With all proceeds benefitting ECEBC, everyone wins!





Sessions on Friday, May 12

Friday Morning Sessions 10:45 am to 12:30 pm

1A Making Music Fun

Participants will explore ways to extend new and familiar music activities with instruments, movement, and a variety of musical props. If you are hesitant about singing in public, you will leave secure in the notion that you can enrich the musical lives of young children without singing a note. Come ready to participate, learn, and have fun. New ideas for Monday!

Presenter: Christine Roskelley is an early childhood educator who works as a music enrichment teacher at the UBC Child Care programs and surrounding areas.

2A All Children Have Potential — Brain Gym Draws this Out

Learn easy-to-do, playful Brain Gym movements and activities that help to draw out each child's potential. In early child development there are sensitive windows of learning when the brain and sensory systems require certain types of input in order to make neural networks. Brain Gym is based on the scientific understanding of the interdependence of physical development, language acquisition, and learning ability. Brain Gym movements and activities have a specific relationship to the child's growing awareness of self, and self in relation to objects and people.

Presenter: Lori Wall is a specialized kinesiologist and a licensed Brain Gym instructor.

3A Motivating Children through Drumming, Movement, and West African Cultures

Explore the wonderful rhythms, movement, stories, and songs of West Africa. Using 25 drums, participants will learn new methods that will inspire children to discover their own creativity and experience West African culture. You'll leave this workshop ready to enrich children's lives with new cultural experiences.

Presenter: Louise Rayond is the artistic director of Malicounda Dance Company. She has been working with children for more than 20 years.

This workshop is also offered on Saturday afternoon. See 3B.

4A Step Up to the Plate! Moving from Supervision to Visionary Leadership

Are you ready to take your team to the next level? Learn how to inspire, motivate, and develop your team to its fullest potential in this fun, interactive session. We will examine what a leader is, why leadership is important, and how effective leadership can transform our centres. The goal of this workshop is to provide you with ideas and concepts that you can begin to apply immediately. To get most out of this session, please come ready to participate with examples of successes and struggles you have had in your work place.

Presenter: Kerry Cyr has been with UBC Child Care since 1997, working in both toddler and three-to-five settings.

5A Child Care Policy: Making the Connections

How can we make the connections between public policies and funding that advance quality child care that is both affordable and inclusive? And, now that we have new public investments in early learning and child care, how can we ensure that these public funds are spent in ways that will maximize quality? This workshop is based on the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada (CCAAC)'s project, Child Care Policy: Making the Connections, which is about building capacity and assisting the child care community and governments in their understanding and analysis of child care policy and investments. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to discuss these critical issues.

Presenter: Lynell Anderson is a project director with the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada, leading a project that supports communities to analyze and promote effective child care policy and funding.

6A The Guidelines to Effective Proposal Writing

Learn what grant makers really look for in proposals and find out what may affect the success of your proposals and RFPs. This workshop will look at the do's and don'ts of effective proposal writing and how to simplify the whole process. Participants will have the opportunity to examine techniques used by successful fundraisers and proposal developers.

Presenters: Marjorie Driscoll and Lynne Crouch are consultants with GLD Consulting Partners Inc., a company that provides fundraising and event services to the not-for-profit sector.

This session is also offered on Friday afternoon. See 7B.

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7A Working Outside the Box: Expanding Our Horizons

Is feminism out of our comfort zone? How do we integrate feminism into our practice with children and families? What challenges are presented to ECE professionals who engage with a feminist perspective? Come ready to explore, share, and expand your knowledge. People of all genders welcome!

Presenters: Petra Sinats, ECE, works with young parent families and is involved with the Girls Diary Project in Victoria. Mitchel du Plessis, BA, CYC, is a child, youth, and family counsellor in Victoria.

This session is also offered Saturday morning. See 6C.

8A Conscious Cultural Awareness Part 1 of a 2-Part Workshop

We tend to think of culture as being about the "other guy." In this participatory workshop explore how our perceptions of culture intrude on our understanding of self and others when we're confronted by cultural differences. This all-day session will be useful for anyone who has ever been challenged by dealing with cultural differences and for anyone wanting to understand their own personal cultural perceptions.

Presenter: Frances Ricks, PhD, is an emeritus professor in the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria. She has been involved in the education and training of child and youth care workers across Canada for over 30 years.

This workshop is presented in two parts. You must take Part 1 and 2 of this workshop. See 8B.

9A Transforming Your Environment

This workshop will take participants on the journey of Acadia Park Preschool, where staff worked together with instructors and students from Capilano College to transform the preschool environment. Learn some practical and economical ideas that can be taken and implemented at any centre while reflecting on your personal views of children and how those views are values are reflected in the classroom. You'll be inspired with new ways to create an environment that considers children and families first.

Presenters: Maria Cortese and Sharon Low have been teaching together at Acadia Park Preschool for over 7 years.

This session is offered also Friday afternoon. See 1B.

10A Expanding our Boundaries Through Storytelling

Storytelling is a powerful way to help children learn, expand their understanding, and deal with challenges in a positive way. Come and learn some creative new storytelling ideas and activities that will keep children engaged, assist their growth, and honour the diversity of humanity.

Presenter: Natalie Lucas is a special needs educator and manager and caregiver of three group daycares in the Slocan Valley. She is also the co-author and illustrator of the first children's book published about Doukhobour culture

This session is also offered Saturday afternoon. See 3D.

11A Early Childhood Educators Investigating Quality Child Care in BC

What does quality child care mean to you? This session presents the research on the collaborative processes and negotiations with early childhood educators and academic researchers involved in discussions and actions concerning quality child care in BC. Participants will be invited to learn about the research project and discuss quality child care from their own knowledge, experiences, and values. We'll also look at examples of international child care models and discourses from Sweden, Italy, and New Zealand.

Presenters: Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw, PhD, is an assistant professor at the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria. Alan Pence, PhD, is a professor at the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria. Ahna Berikoff and Ana-Elisa Armstrong de Almeida are graduate students at the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria.



Sessions on Friday, May 12

12A 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 are two different things! The Ethical Journey is a four-part series that is designed for child care practitioners to guide them along an ethical journey. Session 1 begins by understanding how our own beliefs, values, and ethics/rules affect our daily decision-making process.

Presenters: Beverly Christian is an early childhood educator with over 20 years' experience in the field. Presently she 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 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Certificates will be provided for each session completed. See 12B and 10D for information on the other Ethical Journey sessions.

Friday Afternoon Sessions

2:15 pm to 4:00 pm

1B Transforming Your Environment

This workshop is also offered Friday morning. See 9A for description.

2B Playful and Interactive Brain Gym

Learn playful Brain Gym activities and movements to use at your child care centre. Including the movements and activities in early childhood programs has proven to increase children's balance and coordination, improve their visual and auditory processing, increase their ability to focus, and improve expression and self esteem. It makes transitions easier and encourages participation. This session will give you the tools to include Brain Gym in your childhood settings.

Presenter: Lori Wall is a specialized kinesiologist and a licensed Brain Gym instructor.

3B Motivating Children through Drumming, Movement, and West African Cultures

This workshop is also offered on Friday morning. See 3A for description.

4B Expanding Minds in an Under-Three Program

Infant and toddler programs are a unique environment and as under-three practitioners we are a specialized group. This collaborative workshop brings together three experienced early childhood educators who are passionate about under-three programs. Together they will facilitate a fun interactive and networking session where you will feel uplifted and come away with several new ideas. Come join us!

Please bring a description of a project, documentation book, or a set of photos that describe a successful activity in your under-three program. (If you bring photocopies please bring 40 to share with others). We will share these ideas and other issues of interest to educators of children under three.

Presenters: Jacquie Ennik-Laquerre is the program supervisor at Cub's Corner Toddler Center at UNBC Childcare Society in Prince George. Katrina Bozanich is a toddler educator at Cariboo Child Care Society in Kamloops. Merrilyn Pennanen is an under-three senior educator at Cariboo Child Care Society in Kamloops.

5B More Child Care Money: What Does it Mean for YOU?

Now that child care is clearly on government's agenda, it seems everyone has ideas about how child care money should be spent. Some say it should go directly to parents. Others say it should go directly to services. And others argue that it should go into improving the situation for child care providers. For early childhood educators, these aren't abstract debates. The decisions our federal and provincial governments make today will influence your work for years to come. This workshop will examine the impact of different spending approaches on early childhood educators and the services you provide. Participants will explore practical advocacy strategies for moving from "complaining" to campaigning for solutions that make a real difference.

Presenters: Rita Chudnovsky is a well-known child care advocate. She will be joined by members of BC Child Care Advocacy Forum.

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6B Diversity: Enriching Early Childhood Experiences

In this workshop, facilitators will present how we respect and reflect diversity in our environments, programs, interactions with children and relationships with families. Gain deeper insight and expand your skills for integrating diversity in child care planning and practice.

Presenters: Maryann Bird is past executive director of West-coast Child Care Resource Centre and Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada. She is well-known both locally and nationally as a leader on child care issues. Gyda Chud is the director of Continuing Studies at Vancouver Community College and has over 30 years' experience in early childhood education.

This session is also offered on Saturday morning. See 8C for description.

7B The Guidelines to Effective Proposal Writing

This session is also offered on Friday morning. See 6A for workshop description.

8B Conscious Cultural Awareness – Part 2

This session is a continuation of Conscious Cultural Awareness, Part 1. We will continue our discussion and participants must take have participated in Part 1 (see 8A for description).

9B Everything You Wanted to Know About a Pedagogista but Were Afraid to Ask

Come and listen to the learning journey of a group of practitioners involved with children 6 months to 5 years who have worked for a year with Christina Delgado, the pedagogista for Capilano College Child Care. Why do we do what we do with children? What happens when we are asked to change? Why take apart what we have done for years? How does this process change our relationships, our job descriptions, and our working day? Can we ever go back?

Presenters: Anne Carr, Christina Delgado, and ECCE staff at Capilano College Child Care.

10B Storytelling and Puppetry for Young Children

A silk scarf becomes an instant stage! A lap becomes a story kingdom! This workshop gives a practical and artistic overview of story and puppetry methods to use with young children. You will see demonstrations of many kinds of puppets and stories. We will look at why the world of story is magical and meaningful for children and learn new skills through fun and easy hands-on puppet exercises. Participants will leave this workshop with many ideas to use in their classrooms right away!

Presenter: Suzanne Down is an educational consultant specializing in early childhood storytelling and puppet theatre. She trains teachers, school counsellors, librarians, and therapists around the world.

11B MCFD Child Care Programs and Services Update

This session will provide information on the child care programs and services the Ministry for Children and Family Development (MCFD) provides to parents, child care providers, and ECE professionals. It's a chance to get updated on what's new and what's planned.

Presenter: Nadene Speed is the child care resource and referral coordinator of the Child Care Programs and Services Branch, Ministry of Children and Family Development.

12B Best Choices: Ethical Journey, Session 2

For participants who have completed Session 1 of The Ethical Journey, Session 2 covers ethical dilemmas and introduces the professional ethics for child care. The Canadian Child Care Federation Code of Ethics and the Guide to Ethical Decision-making are the basis for this session.

Presenters: Beverly Christian is the assistant director at University of British Columbia 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

Bring along the certificate you were given in Session 1 so that a Session 2 attendance sticker can be added. See 12A and 10D for information on the other Ethical Journey sessions.

Sessions on Saturday, May 13

Saturday Morning Sessions 10:45 am to 12:30 pm

1C Anger and a Child

Raising or working with children who are out of control can be a very frustrating experience. It is extremely important to be aware of our own anger, as well as with the whole situation surrounding the child. Participants will learn about characteristics of an angry child, family patterns that empower a child to act out, and strategies for teaching children anger management techniques.

Presenter: Nada Banic is a family counsellor and works with children, youth, and families.

2C Exploring Science

Children are natural scientists, always asking questions about the world around them. What does science look like through their eyes? This hands-on workshop will introduce science activities from the new Let's Talk Science initiative "Wings of Discovery," a science-based program for young children. In this workshop you will get a chance to try many experiments, and we'll send you home with handouts on the experiments we did and more ideas on how to integrate science into your setting.

Presenter: Peter Lawrance is the regional manager for the Western Canada Regional Office of Let's Talk Science.

3C Completely Revolutionize Your Teaching Style

Delight children with easy-to-make story baskets and activities. This session will be a presentation of many original, self-designed toys and curriculum materials that will not only delight children and open their minds to creative possibilities, but also help develop literacy skills and support learning math and science concepts. Find effective ways to teach empathy, kindness, caring, and love for others. Susan will demonstrate with materials, activities, and the telling of special stories that will touch children's hearts. You'll leave full of creative energy and new ideas for making meaningful and fun curriculum materials.

Presenter: Susan Munzer is an ECE curriculum designer, conference speaker, and the author of Learn to Play and Play to Learn.

This session is also offered Saturday afternoon. See 6D.

4C Be Our Guest

As professionals within the early childhood network we are challenged daily to create atmospheres that are inviting — not only aesthetically but emotionally for all who cross the doorsteps to enter our programs. This includes the children, families, peer professionals, and members of the community. Our challenge is how to ensure everyone is feeling "invited." The workshop will explore the concept of invitational education and how it can be applied in early childhood education.

Presenter: Patricia McClelland has been feeling invited to a variety of ECE programs and training institutions in Ontario and BC for the past 25 years.

5C How to Sow a Seed

Natural outdoor experiences can be transformative for children. In this session we will share our seven-month process in which all children participated in planting, tending, and harvesting a garden. You will have the opportunity to see the season of our garden project through handouts, pictures, and written comments from the children.

Presenters: Katrina Bozanich is a toddler educator at Cariboo Child Care Society in Kamloops. Merrilyn Pennanen is an under-three senior educator at Cariboo Child Care Society in Kamloops.

6C Working Outside the Box — Expanding our Horizons

This workshop is also offered Friday morning. See 7A for description.



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7C Stories in Our Own Words

Stories are at the heart of child's play. In this session, we will explore a new storytelling program that involves eliciting children's own stories, recording them, and then allowing each child to act out her own stories with the help of classmates and under her own direction. This is a program that promotes literacy in a way that evolves out of a child's own curiosity and self-interest. It also allows ample opportunity for documentation and group assessment. But even more importantly, this program promotes inclusiveness, as children accept each other for the individual storytellers that they are.

Presenter: Dan Bar-el is a licensed early childhood educator, a storyteller, and a published children's author. He created the Stories in Our Own Words program in 2003 and has run it at several centres in Vancouver.

8C Diversity: Enriching Early Childhood Experiences

This session is also offered Friday morning. See 6B for description.

9C Parachute Games and Outdoor Play

Join Allan Hirsch to play parachute games and all kinds of other games perfectly suited for outdoor play. You'll also learn some co-operative and dramatic games that work outdoors. This workshop is designed for both new and experienced educators.

Presenter Allan Hirsch, a.k.a. Alleyoop, has worked with children for over 30 years. His concerts for children and his recordings are popular all over the Northwest.

10C Growing the Mind through Movement: Birth to Five

How does movement impact development from birth to five? Come prepared to move in this highly interactive session. You will learn age appropriate movement activities that organize brain function and find out why movement is so important for the young mind.

Presenter: Christine Roberts is the founder of Nurturing Pathways, a movement and creative dance program for young children.

This workshop is also offered on Saturday afternoon. See 8D.

11C Father-Friendly Practitioners and ECE Programs

We know that fathers play an important role in the lives of their children, but how can we challenge our ECE programs and staff to become more father-inclusive? This workshop will give an overview of the current research and fathering initiatives and give participants the tools to promote practices that involve fathers and provide information on how to develop father-friendly programs.

Presenters: Deb Jarvis is the executive director of Kootenay Kids and an ECE instructor at Capilano College. Barry Forer is a research consultant specializing in early childhood development and education.

12C The Safe Spaces Study

The Safe Spaces Program, developed by Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre, focuses on teaching prosocial skills and emotional knowledge to preschool-age children. This session will highlight the important study that looked at the critical role of implementation in the evaluation of a social and emotional competence promotion program for preschool-aged children.

Presenters: Kimberley A. Schonert-Reichl, PhD, is an associate professor, Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education, Faculty of Education, UBC. Angela M. Jaramillo is a graduate student in the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education, Faculty of Education, UBC. Sarah Chapman-Chen is the Safe Spaces trainer with Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre.



Sessions on Saturday, May 13

Saturday Afternoon Sessions

2:15 pm to 4:00 pm

1D Science for Life

How is learning science related to helping young children acquire life skills? Discover how doing science can develop cognitive, physical, emotional, social, and language skills in young children. Through age appropriate hands-on activities, we will examine how science isn't just about the concepts, it also integrates many other aspects of learning and skill development. Participants will receive a handout of the activities in this workshop to try with their children.

Presenter: Peter Lawrance is the regional manager for the Western Canada Regional Office of Let's Talk Science.

2D handsONmusic — Reaching All Children Through Music

This handsONmusic workshop will expose participants to a variety of new music — not just songs, but essential instrumental and listening activities, too. We will discuss meaningful ways to integrate this music with literature, movement, and art. The activities, which are ideal for teaching to children ages 2 to 9, will be placed into the context of current research on early childhood.

Presenter: Monica Tusnady is an elementary school music teacher, composer, arranger, and the author and producer of the award-winning handsONmusic series.

3D Expanding our Boundaries Through Storytelling

This workshop is also offered Friday morning. See 10A for description.

4D How to Avoid Burnout and Stay a Motivated Early Childhood Educator

Caregivers have a tendency to forget about their own needs and are prime candidates for burn out. Symptoms of burnout may include depression, insomnia, losing emotional control, feeling stressed out, and losing interest in social contacts with friends and family. Learn how to recognize signs of burnout and how to prevent it through self-care. Participants will also learn how to develop mutually respectful relationships with themselves and others and how to communicate their wishes without pleas or threats.

Presenter: Nada Banic is a family counsellor and works with children, youth, and families.

5D Three Pigs and a Problem: Story Theatre for Language and Social Development

Developing pattern stories into story theatre is a wonderful way to create positive group connections among preschool children and help develop their self confidence and language skills. This workshop will take you through the process of developing pattern stories into story theatre with children. You'll learn how to use rhythm, movement, voice, and percussion to create a "script" and how to work with the children to have them tell the story with felt pieces and puppets or props before finally acting out the story.

Presenter: Ann McQueen trained and performed as an actress before becoming an early childhood educator 20 years ago.

6D Completely Revolutionize Your Teaching Style

This session is also offered Saturday morning. See 3C for description.

7D Musical Games and Act-out Songs

In this session there will be a lot of playing, so come prepared to have fun and pick up some new ideas for circle time! You will learn all sorts of new games and acting songs to use with young children. This workshop is suited for both new and experienced early childhood educators.

Presenter: Allan Hirsch, a.k.a. Alleyoop, has worked with children for over 30 years. His concerts for children and his recordings are popular all over the Northwest.

8D Growing the Mind Through Movement: Birth to Five

This workshop is also offered on Saturday morning. See 10C for workshop description.

9D Diversity Circle Times

Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre has created three circle time sessions for use with children as an opportunity for them to explore concepts of similarities and differences found in human diversity and in the community in which they live. The theme of the circle times is self and others. Through a combination of activities, this interactive workshop will address ways to help early childhood educators understand diversity, stereotypes, and discrimination.

Presenter: Dorothy Polukoshko has over 20 years' experience in the child care field, working in a variety of child care facilities, and coordinating a Child Care Resource & Referral program.

Sessions on Saturday, May 13

10D Best Choices — Ethical Journey, Session 4

This final session is for participants who have participated in the Ethical Journey, Sessions 1 through 3. Your guides will help explore the challenges to making the “best” choices and why we sometimes get stuck. Why, when we know the right thing to do, do we falter, hesitate, and hold back? What gets in the way? We will review our best choices framework and commit ourselves to “walk the talk.”

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

Certificates will be provided for each session completed. Bring along the certificate you were given in your Session 1 so that a Session 4 attendance sticker can be added. See 12A and 12B for information on the other Ethical Journey sessions.



Notes

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 and at the Annual General Meeting.

\$156: new full (\$13.00 monthly)

\$146: renew full (\$12.17 monthly)

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).

\$100: new student (\$8.34 monthly)

\$100: renew student (\$8.34 monthly)

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.

\$132: new associate (\$11.00 monthly)

\$122: renew associate (\$10.17 monthly)

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

Member Information

Name _____

Address _____

City/Province/Postal code _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Place of employment _____

Signature _____

Referred by _____

Payment

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

VISA **MasterCard**

Card no.: _____

Expiry date: _____

Cardholder: _____

Signature: _____

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

Send Membership Application and payment to: ECEBC, 210 West Broadway, 2nd floor, Vancouver, BC, V5Y 3W2



Conference Registration Information

Conference Registration Fees

Membership Category	Early bird rate (by April 10, 2006)	Rate after (April 10, 2006)
<i>ECEBC members (full and associate)</i>		
2-day registration	\$160.00	\$200.00
1-day registration	\$ 95.00	\$135.00
<i>Student ECEBC members</i>		
2-day registration	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
1-day registration	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
<i>Non-members of ECEBC</i>		
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 13, 2006. After this date, registration fees are non-refundable.

Food Service

Friday lunch tickets are \$12. Lunch includes a sandwich, drink, dessert, and fruit. Vegetarian options will be available. Please indicate on the Registration Form on page 15 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 Friday only. There are several food service options in and near the hotel for Saturday.

Pre-Conference Programs

To register for "Supporting Children's Social and Emotional Health: Assessment Tools, Research, and Practice" at UBC contact: EventAbility
E-mail: info@eventability.ca
Tel: 604-214-3490

To register for **Our Child Care Context (LAM Module 2)**, contact: Etovre Vese at
evese@interchange.ubc.ca

Register Before April 10, 2006

If you register by April 10, 2006, your name will go into the draw to win either a complimentary registration to ECEBC's 2006 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 Sarah at the ECEBC office.

Telephone 604-709-6063 or 1-800-797-5602.
You can also e-mail Sarah at ecebc@direct.ca

ECEBC Membership Information

For more information contact Sarah Leary at ECEBC.
Tel: 604-709-6063
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E-mail: ecebc@direct.ca

Registration Form: ECEBC Conference 2006

1. 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 2006, your ECEBC membership must be valid as of May 11, 2006.

- Are you a member of ECEBC Early Childhood Educators of BC ECEBC? Yes No
 Are you a member of BCACCS (BC Association of Child Care Services)? Yes No
 Are you a current member of Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre? Yes No
 Is this your first time at Conference? Yes No

2. Session Registration Instructions

- On the grid below, fill in your first and second choices for sessions for each day you are planning to attend. (Use the session numbers listed on pages 5 to 12.)
- Workshops are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis once full payment is received. Space is limited in many sessions, so register early for the best selection!
- In your confirmation letter, we'll tell you the sessions you have been assigned.

Day & Session	1st choice	2nd choice
Friday am (A sessions)		
Friday pm (B sessions)		
Saturday am (C sessions)		
Saturday pm (D sessions)		

4. Method of Payment

- Cheque or money order, payable to ECEBC 2006
 Money order, payable to ECEBC 2006
 VISA MasterCard

Card no. _____

Expiry date _____

Name of card holder _____

Signature _____

3. Registration Fees

CONFERENCE FEES

Conference Registration Fee (see page 14) \$ _____

CONFERENCE EXTRAS

Child Care Centres Tour (see page 3)
 @ \$15 per ticket \$ _____

Ikea Shopping Trip(see page 3)
 @ \$15 per ticket \$ _____

Westcoast Dinner tickets (see page 4)
 @ \$45 per ticket or 10 for \$400 \$ _____

Friday lunch ticket (see page 14)
 @ \$12 per ticket \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Getting to the Conference



Getting to Richmond

By Air

Air Canada/Air Canada Jazz

Telephone: 1-888-247-2262

Book online: www.aircanada.ca or www.flyjazz.ca

WestJet

Telephone: 1-800-538-5696

Book online: 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. 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 opposite 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.

Single and double rooms are available to ECEBC delegates at the reduced rate of \$105.00 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 **Monday, April 10, 2006**. In order to guarantee your space at the hotel and receive the reduced rate, your accommodation reservations must be made by **Monday, April 10, 2006**. After this date, reservations can be made on an availability basis and at the best available rate.





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