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Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre Workshops May to August 2010

All workshops will be at Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre at 2772 East Broadway in Vancouver, unless otherwise specified. **We are unable to accommodate children during workshop time.**

PLEASE ARRIVE NO MORE THAN 10 MINUTES AHEAD OF THE SCHEDULED START TIMES

Setting Up ECE Environments for Success

Wednesday May 12, 2010 Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

This workshop will focus on ways to establish an inspired ECE program. We will explore how to include the children's interests in curriculum planning and the importance of making emergent opportunities a priority. We will discuss how the parent group can be used as a resource for curriculum. We will look at program space from the child and adult perspectives and explore how to represent aspects of nature and the diversity of the program in the environment. We will examine ways to document children's learning and how to work with other community groups to enhance the curriculum.

Presenter: Julie Hansen is an ECE Curriculum Consultant who for the past ten years has been the director of a preschool and the supervisor of a 3 to 5 year old child care program. She is also a published author of children's books and of articles in provincial and national Early Childhood Publications.

Fee: \$35. Maximum number of participants is 25.

Registration starts: Thursday April 1, 2010 at 9:30 am

Beyond the Bulletin Board

Saturday May 15, 2010 Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Have you ever had parents question what you are "teaching" their children? Are you looking for new ways to profile children's learning in your program? This is the workshop for YOU!! Join other caregivers in an exploration of innovative ways to show children's enthusiasm for learning in your program.

Fee: \$35. Maximum number of participants is 20.

Presenter: Ana Vojnovic is an Early Childhood Educator and is currently working with Westcoast CCRC as a Caregiver-Child Drop in Facilitator. She is passionate about the Reggio Emilia approach and documentation as a tool for building positive relationships.

Registration starts: Thursday April 1, 2010 at 9:30 am

Proactive Behaviour Strategies

Saturday June 5, 2010 **Time: 10:30 am – 1:30 pm**

This 3-hour workshop will focus on a Positive Behavioural Support approach to classroom management. This is a workshop for those who work with typically developing children and children with special needs. You will learn the basics of a Functional Assessment, and then using a case study, you will: create a personal profile, proactively address disruptive or challenging behaviours, learn how to manage sensory needs, and how to create materials to effectively support all children.

Fee: \$45. Maximum number of participants is 30.

Presenter: Camille Netherton is the Manager of the Delta Connex Program at Reach Child and Youth Development Society. She has worked in the field of developmental disabilities for 25 years and currently works as a key worker and behavioural consultant for families who have children with complex developmental behavioural conditions. She is dedicated to helping families and anyone who works with children, improve their attachment and proactive skills.

*Registration starts: **Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 9:30 am***

Honouring the Religious and Spiritual Identities of Children in ECE

Wednesday June 9, 2010 **Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

When children from diverse backgrounds share their fears, concerns, wonderings, and delights with us, it is up to us to assure them that they are completely valued. When we acknowledge and honour a child's religion and spirituality, we help that child develop a sense of identity. This workshop will explore ways programs can respectfully honour the diversity of families' religions and spiritual beliefs.

Fee: \$35. Maximum number of participants is 20.

Presenter: David Dalley is the Program Coordinator for the Surrey Neighbouring Faiths Program. On weekdays he is a Paediatric Physiotherapist at the Centre for Child Development in Surrey. On the weekends he facilitates a "Dads and Kids" drop-in program at the Newton Family Resource Program and also teaches Sunday School at the South Fraser Unitarian Congregation.

*Registration starts: **Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 9:30 am***

Puppets Alive! Make & Take

Wednesday June 16, 2010 **Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

For those of you who participated in the Puppets Alive! Workshop at the Westcoast Mini Conference, here is a chance to see more of Linda's great puppets and make your own. During this workshop you will make a glove puppet with interchangeable parts that represent various songs and finger plays. There will be patterns for you to take with you afterward so that you can easily add to your collection later. ✂ **Bring scissors that can cut neatly through felt and a black narrow tip indelible marker.**

Fee: \$40 (includes \$5 to cover the cost of materials). **Maximum number of participants is 20.**

Presenter: Linda Pearce is an Early Childhood Educator and retired Kindergarten teacher who has taught for 21 years. She is an artist who has developed her own puppet making company Inspiration 1 Design Inc. and has sold hand-made puppets across Canada. As a puppeteer, she has provided theatre presentations to child care centres, preschools and school age programs.

*Registration starts: **Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 9:30 am***

“Dear Zoo” Summer Felt Board Story

Saturday June 19, 2010 **Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Here is a chance to join two felt board story enthusiasts from Vancouver Child Care Resource & Referral to learn about and make an enchanting summer time felt board story suitable for children aged 3-6 years of age. Materials will be supplied. ✂ **Bring scissors to cut felt.**

Fee: \$40 (includes \$5 to cover the cost of materials). **Maximum number of participants is 20.**

Presenter: Vesna Krcmar and Sandy Yip are experienced early childhood educators and are currently staff with Vancouver Child Care Resource & Referral at Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre.

Registration starts: Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 9:30 am

Peace Literacy

Wednesday July 14, 2010 **Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Drawing from the fields of resiliency research, social justice education and peace initiatives, we will explore the power of peace and learn new strategies to help children who are exposed to conflict and violence. We will also explore ways to nurture children’s and adult’s peacemaking capacities and identify next steps towards greater peace literacy and activism.

Fee: \$35. Maximum number of participants is 25.

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

Registration starts: Tuesday June 1, 2010 at 9:30 am

Playing House, Dress Up & Puppets: Language Rich Dramatic Play

Wednesday July 28, 2010 **Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Dramatic play is an important component of the early childhood environment. It supports children’s problem-solving, intellectual and language skills. Come to this session to explore exciting opportunities and materials to stimulate purposeful dramatic play.

Fee: \$35. Maximum number of participants is 25.

Presenter: Fiona Morrison has served in the education system for 30 years as an early primary teacher, teacher-librarian, literacy coordinator, and university instructor. Her current work is focused on the promise of purposeful play and how developmentally appropriate early literacy practices link with this idea.

Registration starts: Tuesday June 1, 2010 at 9:30 am

Becoming an *Askable* Adult

Wednesday August 11, 2010 Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Options for Sexual Health (OPT) offers interactive courses for caregivers who want to improve the knowledge and skills they need to be approachable sources of reliable sexual health information for children. This workshop will discuss why sexuality education is important, how to become an askable adult and ways to become confident in this role.

Fee: \$35. Maximum number of participants is 35.

Presenter: Kristen Gilbert is a sexual health educator at Options for Sexual Health (OPT) in Vancouver. Sexual health educators provide informative presentations for all different kinds of groups and individuals on a variety of sexual and reproductive health issues.

Registration starts: Tuesday July 6, 2010 at 9:30 am

Understanding Children's Fears

Wednesday August 25, 2010 Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

In this workshop you will learn to identify children's fears and learn ways to respond to them with respect and curiosity. You will also explore your own fears and how these might affect the children in your care. You will learn new ways to address children's fears through careful curriculum planning.

Fee: \$35. Maximum number of participants is 25.

Presenter: Christine Hibbert is executive director of Jericho Kids Club, an early childhood educator and an experienced presenter and trainer.

Registration starts: Tuesday July 6, 2010 at 9:30 am

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