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Early Childhood Development  
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## Fall 2010

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### Follow us online!

Website:  
www.ecdsc.nscC.ca  
Facebook Group:  
ECDSC - Kingstec  
Twitter: ECDSC

The Support Centre  
will be open:

10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Monday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Tuesday to Friday

## New Location

The Early Childhood Development Support Centre has had a very busy summer, so we are still working on arranging our fall workshops. Be sure to check our website, Twitter or Facebook, or sign up for our email list for the latest news!

Our big news is all about location. The Support Centre has a new location on campus; we have moved from our downstairs location, to our new offices in the Business Development area upstairs.

### *How to find us*

Come in through the main doors to the campus – the main campus office will be on one side and the library on the other. Go up the main stairs and turn down the hallway to the left. At the end of the hall, a door on your left opens up to a group of offices. This is the Business Development area; turn left *again* and you'll find us at the back – rooms 2207 and 2208.

### *Our services*

...will remain the same. Our resource library is still accessible for you to browse through; you'll still have access to computers, photocopiers, work space and meeting rooms. Please let us know at least a week in advance if you need meeting space so that we can arrange that for you.

Our offices will remain open until 6:00pm Mondays, 5:00pm Tuesday to Friday; later by appointment.

Joann will be making two resource/information/meeting runs a month. One day to cover Kentville through Annapolis and another for Kentville through West Hants. Call or email at the beginning of each month to set up an appointment.

We look forward to continuing to serve you in our new location! Be sure to read the rest of this newsletter for more news from the centre!

## Lunch & Learns

Joann will visit to provide short, one-hour workshops or discussions during your centre's lunch hours. This service is available to all centres, large and small.

### *Topics can include:*

Literacy  
Implementing ideas in the classroom  
Any topic you choose!



Contact Joan for more information or to book a date! Joann.sweet@nscC.ca

## Student Awards

This year, three awards were handed out to Kingstec ECE Students. Congratulations to the award winners and all of our Early Childhood Education graduates!

Scholar's Choice graciously donated a \$100 gift card to be awarded to a graduating ECE student entering the field. This year, the award's first, Alyson Langille was chosen by faculty to receive the Scholar's Choice Award.

The Child Care Administrator's Network Award is a \$200 cash prize awarded to a returning ECE student. The recipient is chosen by the Administrators based on essays written by the applicants. This year, the award was given to Tracie Jordan.

Created to honour the life of Carolyn Larken, the Nanny Kaye Kids Award with a \$250 cash prize, is awarded to a returning ECE student "who encompasses a passionate spirit, has a love for children and displays kindness". This year's recipient was Sarah Henderson.

## Caring at Work Awards

Each year, we put out a call for centres and organizations to recognize someone for the Caring at Work Award. These can be presented to staff, owners, directors, board members, volunteers... anyone that centres believe deserves recognition for their outstanding caring and dedication for the children in their care.

DEANIE ALPAUGH  
St. Paul's Youth Centre Nursery  
CHERYL BLAIR, teacher  
Jack and Jill Nursery School  
LYNN CALDWELL  
Windsor Day Care Centre  
MARK CLARKE Early Intervention Support Worker  
Bo-Peeps Nursery School  
TANYA DEADDER  
Love Your Child Infant and Children's Centre  
PAM HERBIN  
Home and Heart Child Development Centre  
KRISTA TOOLE-HEBB  
Kingstec Campus Learning Centre  
DAVE TREMBLAY Parent Executive Volunteer  
Windsor Nursery School  
BRENDA VIRTUE-ELLIS  
Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre  
THE STAFF  
Kinder Garden Preschool & Child Care Centre



Congratulations to the Windsor area directors for becoming the first ECE Directors Group in the Hants area! Keep up the great work!

Would you like to be involved? Contact us for more information.

## Kingstec May Conference

The Kingstec Support Centre held the Second Annual spring Conference on Saturday, May 8th. We had over 100 participants, presenters and guests in attendance. This year, we had two day-long workshop streams. Those in the full day Barbara Kaiser workshop came away with a wealth of information on the topic of Challenging Behaviour in Young Children. The Reggio Emilia participants learned how to incorporate the Reggio philosophy into their programs through a talk on The Environment As the Third Teacher, a tour of an Reggio inspired Learning Centre, a presentation on The Fish Project, developed by Kingstec ECE students and a fun, hands-on workshop focusing on creative documentation.

Everyone came away with valuable new information to take back to their centres and enjoyed networking opportunities during the lunch and Caring at Work Awards.

Plans are already in the works for our 2011 Spring Conference - Peace Minds & Healthy Bodies For Children & Practitioners (tentatively scheduled for 30 April, 2011).

We hope to see you there!



*(above and left - documentation workshop at May Conference.)*

*(below - Child Care Awareness Days.)*

## Child Care Awareness Days

June was declared Child Care Awareness Days in Nova Scotia by our Premier Darrell Dexter. In conjunction with this proclamation, many Child Care Awareness Days events were held across the province. We held our even a bit early – May 19th.

Over 200 people visited Kingstec Campus for an evening of free food, family fun and information from many of our child care centres, Family Resource centres and other organizations of interest to families. The children enjoyed all the games, crafts and other activities, as well as meeting the Pharmasave Bee and Sparkly the fire dog. Parents came away with a lot of great information.

It was a fun evening and we are all looking forward to next year! Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a success and to the public for stopping by.



## Co-Learning and Co-Discovering with Infants

The Internet is a wonderful place to turn to for ideas and resources to use in the classroom. Below you will find a list of sites that will help you and the children explore the outdoors. Let us know how they worked for you!

### The Value of Play

[www.ccl-cca.ca/childhoodlearning](http://www.ccl-cca.ca/childhoodlearning)

### Children's Physical activity

[www.activehealthykids.ca](http://www.activehealthykids.ca)

### Organic Gardening

[www.organicgardening.com](http://www.organicgardening.com) |  
[www.schoolgardenwizard.org](http://www.schoolgardenwizard.org) |  
[www.evergreen.org](http://www.evergreen.org) | [www.cityfarmer.org](http://www.cityfarmer.org)

### Natural Play Spaces by Rusty Keeler

[www.earthplay.net](http://www.earthplay.net)

### I Love Dirt by Jennifer Ward

[www.jenniferwardbooks.com](http://www.jenniferwardbooks.com)

### Five Minute Field Trips

[www.geoc.org/lessons/5min-fieldtrips.pdf](http://www.geoc.org/lessons/5min-fieldtrips.pdf)

## First Aid Courses

### Standard First Aid:

\$95; 16 hours

#### Middleton:

August 25 - 26, 2010 or September 25 - 26, 2010

More info: <http://bit.ly/d5tWXX>

#### Kingstec:

August 18 - 19, 2010 (full days) or September 21 - 29, 2010, October 19 - 27, 2010 or November 23 - December 01, 2010 (Tues./Wed. evenings)

More info: <http://bit.ly/9fChiN>

### Emergency First Aid & CPR:

\$70; 8 hours

#### Middleton:

August 27, 2010 or October 02, 2010

More info: <http://bit.ly/8YKkqX>

#### Kingstec:

November 03 - 04, 2010 (evenings)

More info: <http://bit.ly/ct7qAr>

## Inclusive, Artistic Activities for Young Minds & Bodies

Artistic activities are not only fun, they are inclusive, imaginative and they enhance the personal, educational and social development of the child. In this two hour workshop, using the themes from one story, we will explore the many ways to use drama, storytelling, movement, music, painting, drawing and crafts. You will come away with a wide variety of artistic activities, that can be done in groups or individually, to foster your students' development of their gross and fine motor skills, language, coordination, body awareness, orientation in space and many others aspects of their growth. Be prepared to be active and to have fun! This workshop focuses on ages 4-12.

**DATE:** Monday, 15 November 2010

**TIME:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**LOCATION:** NSCC Room A109

**FEE:** \$10

**REGISTER:** Fax/mail/drop-off registration form to Joann or Justine at the ECD Support Centre!

**DEADLINE:** 8 November, 2010

**FACILITATOR:** Kathleen Purdy

#### About Bonnie:

*Kathleen Purdy is an Educator who has been working for the past ten years with children and teens who have a variety of challenges, using a multi-sensory approach to teaching through the arts. She recently earned a diploma from the Association of Healing Education of North America, in Educational and Resource Support. Kathleen has a Nova Scotia Teaching License and has worked as a teacher in the public schools for seven years, including one year as a Resource teacher. She is the Co-founder and Director of the Alexander Society for Special Needs and a Facilitator, Teacher and Designer of multi-sensory, creative arts programs for special needs children, teens, adults and the people who live and work with them.*

## Workshop Guidelines

### Free workshops

- can be registered for by faxing 690-2517, calling 690-2514 or emailing justine.macdonald@nsc.ca with names, phone numbers and organization/centre of participants.
- Pre-registration is required at least ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE so we can ensure enough space and materials are provided for, and that we have enough people to run the workshop

### For workshops with a fee, remember:

- One participant per registration form
- Fill out the entire form with SIN number OR NSCC student ID
- Pre-registration **AND** payment are to be received by us at least ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE
- Send form and payment to Justine at the ECDSC
- Registrations cannot be processed, or spaces held, unless the above guidelines are followed.
- **Cancellations** must be processed before the workshop occurs. Therefore, to get a full refund, please contact us at least 48 hours prior to a workshop if you are unable to attend.

**NOTE:** We must sometimes cancel a workshop if there is a lack of participation and depending on the facilitators this can be done up to 2 weeks in advance. Please be sure to register as soon as possible to ensure that you will have a spot in the workshop and check for your workshop's deadline.



The Support Centre is a nut-free, scent-free facility. We ask that you refrain from eating or using nut products (including coconut oil) prior to attending workshops or sessions hosted by the ECDSC.

Please relay this message to your colleagues.

## Important Dates

Please keep in mind the following deadlines and workshop dates:

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| Sept. 3  | Registration <b>Deadline:</b> Song Games for Literacy Success                           |
| Sept. 11 | Song Games for Literacy Success   |
| Sept. 17 | Registration <b>Deadline:</b> Autism in the Inclusive Child Care Environment            |
| Sept. 25 | Day 1 - Autism in the Inclusive Child Care Environment                                  |
| Oct. 2   | Day 2 - Autism in the Inclusive Child Care Environment                                  |
| Nov. 8   | Registration <b>Deadline:</b> Inclusive, Artistic Activities for Young Minds and Bodies |
| Nov. 15  | Inclusive, Artistic Activities for Young Minds and Bodies                               |

## SONG GAMES FOR LITERACY SUCCESS

This cutting edge, inspirational workshop provides educators of children 3-10 years of age with powerful tools, techniques, and easy to implement lessons for using song-games to teach children of all abilities to speak, read and write. Learn to increase children's ability to confidently use their voice and to creatively explore language in a fun, inclusive, success based environment.

Music experience is not necessary to successfully implement Singing English into your current teaching practices. There are no student books to purchase. All you need is a space to move and sing and Bonnie will take time to explain.

**DATE:** Saturday, 11 Sept 2010

**TIME:** 9:00 am - 3:00pm

**LOCATION:** NSCC Kingstec, Gym

**FEE:** \$50

**REGISTER:** Fax/mail/drop-off registration form to Joann or Justine at the ECD Support Centre!

**DEADLINE:** 3 September, 2010

**FACILITATOR:** Bonnie Davison

### About Bonnie:

Bonnie began her career as a Music Therapist, focusing her practice on children with special needs. One of her favourite contracts was at the Vancouver Oral Centre. Here, she explored the connection between language, literacy, and music. She began to see how important a strong foundation in oral literacy is to success for children in reading and writing.

She has trained hundreds of teachers around the world to use Singing English song-games and techniques and has a forthcoming book, *Song-Games for Reading & Writing Success*, due to be published in the spring. She offers continued support to workshop participants via monthly newsletters, discussions through the SEE Blog, and support through e-mail and teleclasses.

**4 hours of equivalency**

Learn more at <http://www.singingenglish.com>

## Autism in the Inclusive Child Care Environment

This 2 day workshop entitled "Practical Strategies for Incorporating Children with Autism in the Inclusive Child Care Environment" will include a brief overview of autism, its characteristics, & the implications for the early childhood environment. Practical strategies will be discussed for addressing challenging behaviours using functional assessment. Daily routines such as circle, free play, & transitions will be targeted, & participants will leave with hands on materials ready for implementation. Throughout the sessions, participants will have the opportunity to view & explore multiple tools & supports including resource materials, tasks, visuals, social stories and adaptations.

**4 hours of equivalency\***

**DATES:** Saturdays, 25 Sept & 2 Oct 2010\*

**TIME:** 11:00 am - 4:30pm

**LOCATION:** NSCC COGS, Lawrencetown

**FEE:** \$70

**REGISTER:** Registration form to ECDSC

**DEADLINE:** 17 September, 2010

**FACILITATORS:** Erin Dooley & Nicki Beck-Chisholm

### About the Presenters:

Erin Dooley, BAA (CHYS) has numerous years working in the field of Autism. She has worked in the Program for Children with Autism at MSVU Child Study Centre for the past 4 years. She works privately designing & implementing programs for children & families living with Autism.

Nicki Beck-Chisholm, MA (CHYS), BAA (CHYS) is a faculty member at the NSCECE. Previous to teaching at the NSCECE, Nicki worked for 7 years as the resource teacher at MSVU Child Study Centre & worked in the Program for Children with Autism. She is committed to the ongoing professional development of early childhood educators and also he teaches part-time in the Child & Youth Study Department, MSVU.

Both Nicki & Erin are passionate about the children & the families they serve, their work within the Autism community & participate in ongoing professional development. They work closely with a variety of professionals in the field to provide support across all areas of development. Together, they have presented many workshops at the Mount.

\* **Both days required for certificates and equivalency**