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## Winter 2010

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

The Support Centre  
will be open:

11:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Monday

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

## Hello from Joann...

As I write this, there are students painting winter pictures for “Grow with Art” and other students rushing to finish projects before the end of the term. The Plant Sale and Christmas Market are taking place in the Gym and Main Entrance.

When you read this, Christmas will be over and snow and cold will be the order of the day. What a change a few weeks will make.

We here at the support centre hope that the workshops planned for this winter will be interesting to you and everyone will want to come.

Only one of the mentoring workshops has been presented. The cancelled workshop is rescheduled for Jan. 23. Is anyone anxious to come but is afraid that there is no room? Well, you’re in luck; we have room for more participants and if more than one person in a centre wants to come that’s OK too. Those who have taken session 1 were very pleased with the information /learning received.

Remember Jan 27 is “Literacy Day”. Want to know how to have something special happen that week? Just read our newsletter!

Congratulations to Evangeline Child Care Centre! They were among the fortunate Centres to have their Replacement Loan approved by Community Services! It will be exciting to see a new Child Care building in Kentville.

In closing, a special wish to you all

*Happy New Year!*

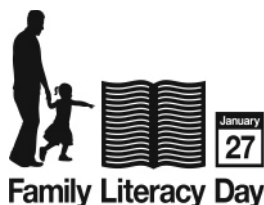
From Justine and Joann

## January 27th is Family Literacy Day!

Good news!

The Literacy Lady has cleared her schedule to tour centres the week of January 25 - 29.

To schedule her, contact Joann at 690-2531  
For more information on Family Literacy Day, visit:  
<http://www.familyliteracyday.ca/>



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.

## Comments and Concerns from CCECENS

Would you like to feel that your everyday practice has matured and is appropriate?

Gain feedback from a peer group?

Have the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with 2 other peers?

If the answer is yes then think about the Certification process.

We at Certification were saddened to hear the news that Sharon Beals was retiring from the Certification Council and would no longer be our Registrar. In July at a Cottage party in her honor an original painting (by Jill Qinn) "Sharon reading to children" was presented to her.

We miss her all ready.



The counsel executive has experienced a few changes.  
President: Pat Hogan  
Registrar: Janice MacKinnon

Contact Pat at Connections if you have any questions for Certification.

Contact Janice MacKinnon at Connections at 1-800-565-8199 or visit [www.cccns.org/ccencens.htm](http://www.cccns.org/ccencens.htm).

## Things to keep in mind when registering for Workshops

**Free workshops** can be registered for by faxing 690-2517, calling 690-2514 or emailing [justine.macdonald@nsc.ca](mailto: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 unless you have an NSCC student ID, in which case be sure to include it.
- Payment **MUST** accompany registration forms.
- Pre-registration and payment are to be received by us at least ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE
- Registrations cannot be processed unless the above guidelines are followed.
- Send form and payment to Justine at the ECDSC

**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.

**The Windsor area Child Care centres are hosting**

### **Caring At Work Awards**

**for their area**

**13 April 2010  
7:00 - 9:00pm**

**Nominatons due:  
1 March 2010**

## Kingstec Spring Conference

Featuring **two** full day streams to choose from:

### Barbara Kaiser

“Challenging Behaviour: Understanding, Preventing and Responding Effectively”

OR

### Lynda Rice

“Fundamental Principles of Reggio”

&

### Kingstec Campus Learning Centre

tour with educators to answer question

&

### Monica Slauenwhite and

### Justine MacDonald

Documentation

or

**TBA**

Project



### ECE Appreciation Lunch

Caring At Work Awards!

We will also have vendors and displays set up.

May 8, 2010 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Kingstec

Cost: \$50

#### To Register:

Send completed registration forms to Justine.

Payment must accompany forms.

Deadline to register: 23 April, 2010

(Please specify “Barbara Kaiser” or “Reggio”)

## FAMILY HOME DAY CARE

The Good, the Bad and the Wonderful

This workshop will explore the Family Home Day Care option for child care providers. You can start your own business, offer a quality child care program and fill a gap in your community, while generating a good income opportunity.

Join us to examine the benefits and challenges of being your own boss and decide whether this is the right choice for you. If you are already a child care provider in your own home, find out how to become a part of the greater child care community and tap into resources, support and training offered by the NS Department of Community Services.

Meet established caregivers who offer quality child care programs, find out how to get started, recruit families, arrange your home, plan your day and set up your policies & procedures.

DATE: Wednesday, 14 April 2010

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00pm

LOCATION: NSCC Kingstec, Room A110

FEE: \$5

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

DEADLINE: 7 April, 2010

FACILITATORS: Lila Hope-Simpson

#### About Lila:

Lila Hope-Simpson is the Director of the Home & Heart Child Development Centre and Family Home Day Care Agency in Wolfville and has over 25 years experience in Early Childhood Education and Adult Education. She received the Prime Minister's Award for Early Childhood Education in 2004 and facilitates professional development workshops. Lila is the author of the children's book *Fiddles & Spoons: Journey of an Acadian Mouse*, and writes a regular Positive Parenting column for *The Advertiser*.

# Mentoring Series From Partners in Practice

Presented by Elaine Ferguson M. Ed:

*facilitator, community based developer and executive director of Child Care Connections.*

All workshops will be held in Room B246 (by the cafeteria), NSCC Kingstec Campus, Kentville.  
We will be using **video conference tools** to connect to educators at our Burrige and Cumberland ECDSC sites!

Please use the attached Registration form to register. Payment must accompany form.

Deadline for registration – **one week prior to workshop**

*Bring your lunch!*

This is a MUST DO workshop series for those who have ECE students come to their centres!

**\*\*Due to limited space** it is suggested that centres elect one person who will be in charge of mentoring in the centre, specifically working with NSCC Work Experience students, to attend the workshop and bring the information back to their co-workers.\*\*

## Temperament & Personalities and Becoming a Reflective Practitioner

Date: Saturday, 23 January 2010; 10:00 am - 3:30 pm      Cost: \$40

(snow date January 30th)

### **SECOND CHANCE! Postponed from November due to illness**

In this session you will explore your personality preferences when interacting with colleagues, and ways to optimize those interactions within a mentoring relationship. The Myers Briggs Type Indicator is used to explain temperament. You will also develop an understanding of reflective thinking, why it is important for your practice, and how it is essential in the mentoring relationship.

*Strongly recommended to have attended:* Introduction and Ethics

## Adult Development

Date: Saturday, 27 February, 2010; 10:00 am - 3:30 pm      Cost: \$40

To be effective in mentoring, a knowledge of adult development theories is essential. This session will explore such theories and how to apply them to mentoring relationships.

## Facilitating Reflective Practice

Date: Saturday, 27 March, 2010; 10:00 am - 3:30 pm      Cost: \$40

This session will explore a variety of facilitation skills to encourage the use of reflective thinking.

*Pre-requisite:* Becoming a Reflective Practitioner

## Documentation

This workshop was set to run November 25th. Those that were interested will know that we were forced to postpone it as we did not receive enough registrations in time to run the workshop.

**Good news!!** We will be offering the workshop again on May 8th as part of the Reggio stream of our May Conference. Hope to see you there!

## First Aid Courses

### Standard First Aid & CPR "C"

\$85; 16 hours

Kingstec:

1/19/2010 - 1/27/2010

Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

or

2/16/2010 - 2/24/2010

Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Middleton:

2/27/2010 - 2/28/2010

Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### Emergency First Aid & CPR

\$60; 8 hours

NSSC Middleton:

Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Kingstec:

1/27/2010 - 1/28/2010

Wednesday & Thursday, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

or

2/10/2010 - 2/11/2010

Wednesday & Thursday, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

For more informaton, visit: [www.nsc.ca](http://www.nsc.ca)

## Technology in the Centre: Social Media

***FOR: Parents and caregivers to learn how to use Social Media tools effectively at work and at home!***

Social media increasingly becoming the main way people communicate. From keeping in touch with friends and family next door or around the world to following news and interests to communicating with businesses or customers, social media is something that can come in useful to many people and not just 'the kids'. The fastest growing segment on Facebook is 55-65 year-old females. In addition, with Nova Scotia's Broadband Initiative the entire province will have access to high-speed Internet by the end of the year.

Participants will set up Facebook, Twitter and Delicious accounts then go over the basics of these sites. We'll talk about how to incorporate these tools into your work: how centres and/or individual staff members can use it to communicate with your parents, network with your fellow staff or other centres, research problems and program idea and so much more! There is a serious side to social media as well and so we will also touch on privacy settings and best practices.

**DATE:** Wednesday, 24 March 2010

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

**LOCATION:** NSSC Middleton, Room 119

**FEE:** \$10

Fax/mail/drop-off registration

**REGISTER:** form to Joann or Justine at the ECD Support Centre!

**DEADLINE:** 17 March 2010

**FACILITATOR:** Justine MacDonald

**Requirements:** working knowledge of computers and the Internet and a web-accessible email.\*

(\*if you don't have an email address you can access on the web, come a bit early and we'll set one up)

## Tumblebugs

Tumblebugs is an introductory program for basic movement and modified gymnastics that is fun, safe and appropriate for 3.5 to 5 year-old children in early childhood settings. It teaches fundamental movement skills that support healthy growth and development, and improves physical literacy.

**\*\*Special offer!\*\*** Kits half price - \$75 (reg. \$150)

DATE: Saturday, 13 March, 2010

TIME: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

LOCATION: Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre

FEE: \$20

Fax/mail/drop-off registration

REGISTER: form to Joann or Justine at the ECD Support Centre!

DEADLINE: 6 March, 2010

FACILITATORS: Adrienne Pynch and Joann Sweet

## In-Centre Workshops

These workshops can be completed in your own centre with your own team.

- **Team Building - Free**
- **\*\*NEW\*\* Practitioners & Families: Encouraging Positive Behaviour - Free**
- **Building Partnerships with Families - \$10 ea.** as well as
- **Families Building Partnerships with Practitioners - Free** (To be presented at Parent Meetings)

More information on these workshops will soon be up on our website.

If you would like to have any of these workshops held in your centre, contact Joann at: 690-2531 or joann.sweet@nsc.ca

## ECE Partnerships with Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech

*“How Early Childhood Educators can develop Partnerships with Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centres”*

Outcomes:

- Who is NSHSC
- When and How to refer a child
- What are the Parent Programs of NSHSC
- How can we Partner

DATE: Wednesday, 24 Feb. 2010  
(snow date: February 25th)

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

LOCATION: Hants Community Hospital, Conference Room A (main floor level, across from the elevator, a sign will be on the door)

FEE: \$10

Fax/mail/drop-off registration

REGISTER: tion form to Joann or Justine at the ECD Support Centre!

DEADLINE: 17 February 2010

FACILITATORS: Carla Scholten

About Carla:

*Carla Scholten is a Speech-Language Pathologist working with Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centres in Windsor. She works at Hants Community Hospital, serving clients (from birth – school entry and adults) with communication problems. She also works closely with client families.*

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