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Family Literacy Day-January 27th

Family literacy programs focus on parents as the means to improve the reading and writing skills of all family members. By reading to children and engaging in fun literacy activities, parents are actively keeping their own skills sharp while at the same time strengthening the relationship between the family which, in turn, encourages lifelong learning.

For 15 new activities for 2016 visit the Family Literacy Day website

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/fld/15-minutes-of-fun>



Join our group on Facebook . The Early Childhood Development
Support Centre-NSCC Cumberland Campus.

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Evenings and Saturdays by request (call to make arrangements)

Reminder: we have a die cutting service available, check out our
website for more details. <http://www.ecdsc.nscC.ca/cumberland.html>

Professional Development Opportunities

Online Workshop

Location: Your home, library, or local NSCC Campus-all you need is internet and an e-mail address. If you are going to an NSCC Campus, please let us know so that we can make arrangements with that Campus.

Both of the following workshops filled up really quickly so we are offering them again. See below for more details:

A Happy Lunch Table-January 20, 2016-FULL

Making Inclusion Work for Everyone!-February 17, 2016-FULL

NEW DATES

March 9, 2016-A Happy Lunch Table **Cost: \$11.50 (tax included) 6:30pm-8:30pm 2 PD Hours**

Participants will discuss the typical reasons children become stressed out about food and meal times, as well as possible solutions to the problem. Also, a brief overview on making healthy choices and helping children become engaged in meal time preparation and participation. Preregistration required-submit ECDSC registration form along with payment by Mar. 2nd.

April 13, 2016-Making Inclusion Work for Everyone **Cost: \$11.50 (tax included) 6:30pm-8:30pm 2 PD Hours**

This session will assist participants with problem solving some daily challenges around making inclusion work. It is based on the Building Blocks for Inclusion Workshop and introduces participants to the "Power Tools" for problem solving and assists with realistic goal setting around providing a successfully inclusive program. Preregistration required-submit ECDSC registration form along with payment by Apr. 6th.

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS FILLED OUT ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM
SO THAT WE CAN SEND YOU THE LINK FOR THE WORKSHOP.

Limited space,
register early!

The Art of Cooking with Kids

Designed specifically for early childhood educators and cooks working in childcare centers attended by three to five year olds, the *Art of Cooking with Kids* workshop promises to be a fun-filled, educational morning. Learn about best feeding practices, how to use cooking to promote childhood development, how to deal with food allergies & intolerances, and best of all get to cook and sample yummy recipes from *The Little Chef's Big Book of Recipes*. All attendees will be entered into a draw for a chance to win their own "Cooking with Kids Toolkit". Participants will learn how to manage children's feeding issues and explore nutritious foods with the 5 senses. All recipes meet the provincial food and beverage standards. **Each centre that attends will receive a copy of *The Little Chef's Big Book of Recipes*-a \$75.00 value.**

The Team of *Registered Dietitians at Dairy Farmers of Canada* in partnership with the Nova Scotia Child Care Association, NSCC Early Childhood Development Support Centre's, and Institute for Human Services Education is pleased to invite you to attend a half-day nutrition workshop.

Date: March 12, 2016 **3 PD Hours** **Location:** NSCC, Truro Campus (36 Arthur St.) Cafeteria, Salon C

Registration: 8:30am-9:00am **Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm **Cost:** \$17.25 (tax included)

Limited space,
register early!

Preregistration required – submit ECDSC registration form along with payment by March 4, 2016

Professional Development Opportunities

Understanding and Working with Autism in an Early Learning Setting PART 2

In order to participate in this session you had to have attended one of the first sessions that took place in the fall

This workshop:

- Builds on the basics learned in part 1
- Will help you optimize communication and interaction
- Includes multiple activities that can be immediately implemented in your work
- Will help you construct a basic neuro-supportive classroom program
- Includes some video material

This workshop will be strongly focusing on hands-on work thus requires full participation during activity exploration!

Please bring a yoga mat (or any other type of mat)

Date: April 23, 2016 (**Waitlist Date:** May 14, 2016) **4 PD Hours**

Location: NSCC, Truro Campus (36 Arthur St.) Cafeteria, Salon C

Registration: 8:30am-9:00am **Time:** 9:00am-1:00pm **Cost:** \$57.50 (tax included) **Facilitator:** Nancy Ceulemans

Limited space,
register early!

Preregistration required – submit ECDSC registration form along with payment by April 8, 2016

Save the following dates: **September 17, 2016**
October 15, 2016
November 19, 2016

When registering for any of our workshops, please be sure to use an updated form as it has a spot on it for allergies. The form can be found on our website: <http://www.ecdsc.nsc.ca/cumberland.html>

To receive email notification of enrollment into any of our workshops please be sure to include your email address on your registration form.

Professional Development Link

For information on professional Development try the link provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development: www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/pd/ProfessionalDevelopment.shtml

County Director Meetings

New members are encouraged to join the directors group. We are a gathering of administrators acting as a support group for each other to exchange ideas, concerns and to promote quality child care. Join our private group on Facebook-Northern Region Directors. Contact Krista Smith at (902) 597-4406 or krista.smith@nsc.ca to see when the group in your area meets.

Professional Development Opportunities

Orientation for Staff Working in Licensed Child Care Facilities

The Orientation for Staff Working in Licensed Child Care Facilities is a non-credit course that reviews aspects of early childhood development and the role of child care staff. The course is delivered online and is funded by the Government of Nova Scotia with a \$50 administration fee collected by Nova Scotia Community College at the time of registration. The \$50 fee is non-refundable.

The orientation consists of 16 sessions covering a range of topics such as observation, providing for play, and guiding behavior as these ideas relate to working with young children in a regulated child care setting.

The Government of Nova Scotia has legislated training requirements for child care staff. Staff working directly with children who do not meet the legislated training requirements must complete the orientation within a year of their date of employment.

Provincial Classification Information: www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/pd/ClassificationforStaff.shtml

Am I eligible to register for the ECDS Orientation?

Step 1: How to Register:

- 1) Face to face at any NSCC Campus, Locations: www.nsc.ca/explorensc/campuses/
Pay Using: Cash, Debit, Personal Cheque or Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express)
- 2) By phone at any NSCC Campus, Locations: www.nsc.ca/explorensc/campuses/
Pay Using: Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express)

When registering either in person or by phone please tell them you wish to pay for the **ECDS Orientation**.

Step 2: Upon registration:

Email customized.learning@nsc.ca the following information:

- Your First and Last Names
- Telephone Number
- The receipt number (located on the receipt you received when you paid the fee)
- Indicate whether you want to take the course in English or in French
- The Name and Location of the NS Licensed Child Care Facility that you are currently employed with
- The Name of the Agency you are currently associated with as a Regulated Family Home Day Care provider
- If you are **NOT** currently employed with a NS Licensed Child Care Facility or in a Regulated Family Home Day Care, have you been pre-approved by Child Care Classification Services:
 - To receive School-Age Training Approval upon completion of the orientation?
 - As an internationally educated learner?

Please note this information will be shared with Child Care Staff Classification Services.

Within 2 business days of receiving your email you will receive a response with your user name and login information, as well as the link to the course.

First Aid Training/Food Handlers Course

Standard First Aid & CPR "C" Cost: \$101.00

Jan. 29-30, 2016	8:30am-4:00pm	Pictou Campus
Jan. 30-31, 2016	9:00am-5:00pm	Truro Campus
Feb. 12-13, 2016	8:30am-4:00pm	Pictou Campus
Feb. 26-27, 2016	8:30am-4:00pm	Pictou Campus
Feb. 27-28, 2016	9:00am-5:00pm	Truro Campus
Mar. 4-5, 2016	8:30am-4:00pm	Pictou Campus
Apr. 1-2, 2016	8:30am-4:00pm	Pictou Campus
Apr. 2-3, 2016	9:00am-5:00pm	Truro Campus

For more information or to register call:

Pictou (902) 755-7299

Truro (902) 893-5346

Emergency First Aid & CPR Cost: \$74.00

Feb. 13, 2016	8:30am-4:00pm	Pictou Campus
Apr. 9, 2016	8:30am-4:00pm	Pictou Campus

For more information or to register call: (902) 755-7299

Food Handlers Course

For anyone interested in taking a Food Handlers Course please go to the link below for dates and locations.

<http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/food-protection/food-hygiene-course/>

Continuing Education and Early Childhood Education Assistance Programs

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has a recruitment & retention strategy to recruit, retain and recapture individuals to work in licensed child care. There are two programs to provide financial support to eligible persons working in licensed child care and family home day care agencies and ECE graduates.

- 1) The Continuing Education Program will provide financial reimbursement for continuing education courses or to help obtain your ECE diploma/certificate part time while working in the sector.
- 2) The Early Childhood Education Assistance Program will provide a debt reduction incentive to ECE graduates who are eligible.

To learn more visit the EECD Website: <http://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/pd/ContinuingEducation.shtml>

If you know of anyone who is thinking about Early Childhood Education as a profession please inform them of the financial assistance programs offered.

EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION GUIDELINES

This is a resource developed by NSCC Support Centres and can be found on our website www.ecdsc.nsc.ca

Early Childhood Education Level 1 Training Program

Level I Training in Early Childhood Education is a program designed to fulfill the requirements as determined by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for employment classification in the field of Early Childhood.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

The training consists of 3 theory courses that are completed online, and 2 Guided Workplace Experiences that are completed on site at your place of employment which must be a licensed child care facility.

Part I: Online Courses:

- 1) Human Growth & Development- GDEV 1028
- 2) Positive Child Guidance- ECSP 1005
- 3) Programming for Young Children- ECSP 7000

Part II: Guided Workplace Experience I and II

(Pre-Requisite is successful completion of theory courses. You must complete all theory courses before taking the Guided Work Experience I or II)

- 1) Guided Workplace Experience I—GWEI (250 hours over minimum of 6 week period)
- 2) Guided Workplace Experience II—GWE2 (250 hours)

These hours are completed in conjunction with your employer and the supervising faculty in your workplace.

HOW TO APPLY:

You need to provide:

1. A letter written by your current employer that provides confirmation of employment in a licensed childcare facility
2. A High School transcript providing evidence of grade 12 diploma

Retrieve Application Form online – go to www.ecdsc.nsc.ca and download the application form

3. Submit completed application form, written letter of employment, high school transcript and payment to:

- 1) By Fax : Fax the application form to (902) 597-8548 Attention: Registrar
- 2) By Email: Email application form to apollonia.laureijs@nsc.ca
- 3) By Regular Mail: Mail to ECE Level I Registrar NSCC Cumberland Campus 1 Main St P.O Box 550 Springhill NS. B0M 1X0 Attn: Apollonia Laureijs
- 4) Submit in Person: Cumberland Campus 1 Main St Springhill NS or Amherst Community Learning Center 147 S. Albion St Amherst NS, Hours- M-F 8:30am-4:00pm

Be sure to supply an up to date email address that you check regularly for information about your courses and the training.

SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR THE SCHEDULE OF LEVEL I TRAINING PROGRAM COURSES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE COST, TYPE OF CREDENTIAL NSCC PROVIDES, AND HOW YOU RECEIVE YOUR LEVEL I CLASSIFICATION CERTIFICATE, CHECK OUR WEBSITE WWW.ECDSC.NSCC.CA (UNDER THE NEWS SECTION ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE).

Early Childhood Education Diploma Alternate Delivery Fall Rotation

Early Childhood Education—Restricted enrollment: Online Studies ONLY

If you are interested in applying for the ECE online program, please contact Apollonia Laureijs at (902) 597-4116. We have intake every year. The alternate delivery courses listed below are not open courses.

Course #	Course Name	Start Date
COMP 1217	Computer Applications	Jan. 18-Apr. 15
ECSP 1002	Observing & Recording Young Children	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 1006	Health & Safety	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 1008	Building & Supporting Professional Relationships	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 1009	Emerging Literacy	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 1012	Administering Early Childhood Services	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 1125	Pre-School Methods	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 1200	Learning Through Play I	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
GDEV 1028	Human Growth & Development I	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
SOCS 1000	Introduction to Sociology	Jan. 18-Apr. 15
SOCS 1001	Introduction to Psychology	Jan. 18-Apr. 15
ECSP 1050	Work Experience I	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 1051	Work Experience II	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 1052	Work Experience III	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 2050	Work Experience IV	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 2051	Work Experience V	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
ECSP 2052	Work Experience VI	Jan. 11-Apr. 15

Early Childhood Education LEVEL 1 TRAINING PROGRAM

Course Name	Course ID	Dates
Positive Child Guidance	ECSP 1005	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
Human Growth & Development	GDEV 1028	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
Programming for Young Children	ECSP 7000	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
Guided Work Experience I	ECSP 7010	Jan. 11-Apr. 15
Guided Work Experience II	ECSP 7020	Jan. 11-Apr. 15

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