

West Kootenay Early Years Conference

Play Naturally

2012



April 27 - 28, 2012
Selkirk College, Castlegar BC

early Years
Starting out Right.

Conference Welcome

Greetings from your 2012 Early Years Conference Planning Committee. This year we are pleased to offer you a conference with the theme of “Play Naturally.” We are confident that the selection of workshops will help to reignite your passion for play.

Our goal is to help strengthen provide you with learning and networking opportunities that will help to strengthen your professional practices. With the important theme of play, we are pleased to offer you high calibre speakers from near and far. Through their application of theory, years of experience and engaging presentation styles, we know that they will inspire your play. So, read through this brochure, tell your colleagues and choose your workshops. Oh, and bring your enthusiasm, energy and your eagerness to learn and network!

The conference begins early Friday morning, April 27th with registration and the playnote speaker Vince Gowman. On April 27th, delegates are invited to choose one workshop from Session A and one workshop from Session B. On Saturday, delegates are invited to choose one workshop from Session C. In addition to workshops, there will be a trade / resource fair to peruse both days where local vendors and organizations will be on hand displaying their learning materials.

On Friday night, you won't want to miss the banquet and awards ceremony. See you in April!

The 2012 Conference Committee:

Mary Walters, Aanyta Fahrenbruch, Taya Whitehead, Lorry Mann, Danica Lee, Michelle Pierce, Sue McIntosh, Lynn Proulx, Colleen Pickerell and Sonia Tavares.

Playnote Speaker



We are very pleased to welcome Vince Gowman as our Playnote Speaker.

Vince Gowman is the founder of Remembering to Play Events, and is a Certified Professional Life Coach trained through one of the world's top accredited coaching programs, The Coaches Training Institute and their Leadership Program. He has also received advanced training in Organization Relationship & Systems Coaching through the Centre for Right Relationship. He is a graduate of Simon Fraser University where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration focusing on Human Resources, Marketing and International Business. Vince coaches individuals and leads public and corporate playshops on all aspects of well-being. He volunteers his time leading at kids' camps and for various non-profit organizations.



Conference Schedule At a Glance

Friday APRIL 27

Registration	7:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast provided)
Opening Ceremonies and Playnote	8:30 - 10:10 a.m.
Trade & Resource Fair	9:00 - 4:00 p.m.
BREAK	10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
Workshop Sessions A (Sponsored by the City of Castlegar)	10:30 - 12:30 p.m.
LUNCH (provided)	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Workshop Sessions B (Sponsored by Teck)	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Banquet & Awards Ceremony (offsite at the Castlegar Complex)	6:00 p.m.

Bring your own refillable coffee mug and/or water bottle and receive an additional raffle ticket!



Saturday APRIL 28

Registration	9:00 a.m. (Continental Breakfast provided)
Trade & Resource Fair	9:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Workshop Sessions C (Sponsored by Columbia Basin Trust)	9:30 - 12:30 p.m.
LUNCH (provided)	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Endnote	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.



Plan to visit the Trade and Resource Fair during the conference. It will be open Friday and Saturday from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. Local vendors/organizations will be on hand displaying their learning materials. The Fair is hosted by the Castlegar Early Childhood Advisory Council.

A1 Photography as storytelling

Part 1

(Please note that this workshop is continued in the afternoon.)

Sylvia Kind

In this hands-on workshop participants will explore the storytelling potential of photography.

The purpose of the workshop is to develop skills in photography and to expand understandings of how photography can be used in compelling and interesting ways in early childhood education. The workshop will have relevance for educators wishing to enrich the use of photography in their teaching and documentation practices.

Participants will consider ways of taking compelling and interesting photographs, explore different points of view and composition techniques, and discuss how photographs can tell stories and construct particular meanings. The morning will be spent taking photographs in small groups and the afternoon will be spent editing, presenting and discussing the images.

Participants should have the use of a digital camera and a laptop computer. Laptops can be shared in groups of about 3-4 people but it is essential that every participant have their own camera. If you have a memory card reader and cords to connect your camera to a laptop, please bring them.

Participants should also know how to download images from their camera to their computer, create folders, and transfer files to a memory stick.

Please dress for the weather as we will be going outside rain or shine.

You must register for both parts of this two-part workshop, morning and afternoon.



A2 Cultural Explorations:

Experiencing Aboriginal Culture in the Context of the Early Years Part 1

(this workshop is continued in the afternoon)

Aanyta Fahrenbruch and Danica Lee

Supported by: Selkirk College and the West Kootenay Child Care Resource & Referral program

This workshop will lead participants from the shores of New Zealand to the mountains of the West Kootenay examining culturally appropriate practices and Aboriginal integration into Early Childhood settings.

New Zealand's example of complete integration of the Maori culture into their Early Years programs will set the tone of this workshop and guide participants to examine their own values towards our own Aboriginal culture through a multitude of experiences.

Participants will leave with a new understanding of the importance of Aboriginal inclusion and will gain the beginning tools towards a successful inclusion process.

This workshop will be the foundation for a series of Aboriginal inclusion workshops that are planned for the spring and fall of 2012. Further information about the workshop series will be made available at the end of the conference presentation.

Please note that you must register for both parts of this two-part workshop, morning and afternoon.



A3 Cultivating Intuition - The Heart of Healthy & Productive Decision Making

Vince Gowman

Intuition is your birthright. As children you were freely connected to your intuition so naturally that you didn't even know it was intuition. It was an everyday awareness permeating your existence that you were intimately connected to and a part of. Life felt magical and your environment was filled with endless possibilities. Over time, however, due to social conditioning you disconnected from this sense of presence and wonder and the gifts of your intuition. In this fun and interactive playshop, reclaim the wisdom of intuition and magic of your inner child. Learn to trust your inner resourcefulness, expand your range of choice, bring greater ease to your decision making, and deepen your connection to others. Bring greater awareness to how you hear and respond to the deeper needs of children, and support them to stay connected to their intuition. Walk away feeling a deeper sense of Self and inspired to make new, empowering decisions.

"Play is the highest form of research." ~ Albert Einstein

A4 Exit Right® Emergency Leadership Planning

(For Early Childhood Program Administrators only)

Andrew Jarrett

In this hands-on workshop, you will receive a practical toolkit that will help you put together an action plan for an unexpected, short-term absence. You will also get the resources you need to develop policies and procedures for unexpected long-term absences and permanent situations.



The Exit Right® Emergency Leadership Planning is a process every organization should be going through.

Leadership planning, also known as succession planning, is an important part of our risk management strategy.

Andrew is a facilitator trained in “Exit Right®: Emergency Leadership Planning”. Andrew is available for coaching after this workshop.

A5 Big Science for Little Hands

Sandy Eix (Science World)

Science World presents “Big Science for Little Hands,” a free science resource designed specifically for teachers and caregivers of children ages three to five years. We know that caregivers, parents, and preschool educators provide many creative opportunities for young children to explore their world, and our aim is develop activities which inspire further investigation and discovery.

Each workshop begins with a general discussion of doing science at the preschool level. There is a whole group activity that introduces science processes and skills. Then participants break into groups and circulate among (at least) 4 hands-on activity stations.



“We don’t stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.” George Bernard Shaw

B1 Photography as Storytelling Part 2

Sylvia Kind

This workshop is continued from the morning workshop.

B2 Cultural Explorations:

Experiencing Aboriginal Culture in the Context of the Early Years Part 2

Aanyta Fahrenbruch and Danica Lee

Supported by: Selkirk College and the West Kootenay Child Care Resource & Referral program

This workshop is continued from the morning workshop.

B3 Integrating Early Intervention Services and Treatment for Children with Autism

Janice Reid and Brandy Simms

This workshop will review current Best Practices for implementing autism services and treatment. Current services and treatment available and delivery models used in the Kootenays will be discussed. Listen to the experiences of families and professionals with the current services and treatment and learn about enhancing services and treatment through an integrated service delivery model.

This workshop will provide an opportunity for an open forum discussion on how this model can be applied in Kootenay communities.



Remember to bring your own refillable coffee mug and/or water bottle and receive an additional raffle ticket!

B4 Weaving your Preschool Lessons Together

Susan Hamman

Experience activities that will excite your preschoolers and revitalize your teaching style! Learn how to effectively plan your circle time lessons to include all areas of development, using a meaningful, child centered approach. Learn how to be creative in transitioning your activities, to tie the activities together, in a very interactive way for each child.

Participants will do this through participating in creative movement, action songs, chants, fingerplays, percussion instruments and more!

A music background is not necessary to participate in this workshop --- just come with your enthusiasm!



B5 Big Science for Little Hands (same as A5)

Sandy Eix (Science World)

Workshop B5 is a repeat of Workshop A5.



C1 Provocations in New Zealand

Aanyta Fahrenbruch and Mira Fahrenbruch

The Reggio Emilia approach stands at the centre of the Early Learning Framework of BC. New Zealand has implemented and worked with this child centred and play based approach for a decade and has become a leader in innovative Early Years programming models.

This workshop will lead the participant step by step through a visual and educational journey towards a new way of communicating with children and parents. The project approach will be explored in depth with many examples and practical illustrations; learning stories (pedagogical narrations) are shared and examined with an emphasis on practicality and successful implementation.

Parent engagement will be discussed and ideas will be shared for successful use of tools that will encourage parents to participate in a dialogue with the educator.

Participants will walk away with new awareness, ideas and inspirations to take into their classrooms.

C2 Remembering to Play - Inspiring Freedom, Joy & Self-Care

Vince Gowman

Remembering to Play is a fun and interactive playshop that supports you to remember the wisdom of a child's mindset and the importance of levity and joyful authentic expression as cornerstones for educating and healthy, productive living. Benefits include: exploring the principle of Yes and as a means of creatively engaging and being receptive to others, three levels of listening, expanding creativity and one's capacity to see possibilities, illuminating limiting beliefs and assumptions, principles of co-created learning and co-active communication, self-care and self-awareness, learning new creative games for children, and much, much more!



"In our play we reveal what kind of people we are." - Roman Poet

C3 Child Led Play

Julia Stockhausen and Jerri Schmidt

Participants will discuss what child led play is and how it differs from other types of play, and understand reasons why child led play is important to child development. See what it looks like at different age levels and gain an understanding of how children feel when they are able to lead their play and understand how child led play facilitates relationship building.

Participants will have a chance to practice child led play.

C4 Growing Up WILD! Exploring Nature with Young Children

Theresa Southam

Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children is an early childhood education activity guide that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, it provides a foundation for developing positive impressions about nature while also building lifelong social and cognitive skills.

Participants should be prepared and dressed appropriately as time in this workshop is spent outdoors exploring!
Participants will go outside rain or shine!

C5 Exploring your Inner Artist

Nancy Ferguson and Teresa Segstro

Come and have fun and explore your inner artist! This hands on workshop will allow you to explore various art techniques and mediums. You will then be able to take these ideas and explore them with the children you are working with from the ages of 3 to 93.

Come prepared to get messy!



Presenter Profiles

Aanyta Fahrenbruch has worked in the Early Years field for 30 years. She is currently instructing ECCE courses at Selkirk College and manages the West Kootenay Resource and Referral program. During 2011, Aanyta initiated a research project examining New Zealand's Early Childhood Framework and visited many Child Care settings in New Zealand. She came back to Canada with a wealth of information about a successfully implemented Early Years approach that has been the guidepost for BC's Early Learning Framework. She is inspired to share her understanding and assist educators to move towards a truly respectful way of working with young children.

Danica Lee was born and raised as a visitor on this traditional territory in Nelson, BC. She is Cree and her family comes from Peguis First Nation in Manitoba. She has a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Victoria with Indigenous Child Welfare Specialization. She is currently working as an Aboriginal Reconnection Worker with Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services and has worked in Aboriginal programming within School District #8 and the Kootenay Kids Society. She is passionate about working towards enhancing cultural programming within our organizations and focusing on healthy children and families.

Sylvia Kind is an artist and educator. She is an Instructor in the ECCE Program at Capilano University and is an exhibiting artist, working primarily in textile/fibre processes and photography. She also works closely with the Capilano University Children's Centre as an *atelierista*.

Jerri Schmidt and Julia Stockhausen have been Infant Development Consultants for 21 and 12 years respectively. They work with young children at risk for developmental delays and their families. They are both RNs and infant massage Instructors. Jerri has a Certificate in Infant Mental Health from York University and Julia has completed a Pre & Perinatal Professional Attachment Training with Myrna Martin. Child Led Play is an integral part of their work with families.

Mira Fahrenbruch is a beginning ECCE who has worked in the Early Childhood sector in New Zealand. Mira shares her experience of writing learning stories (pedagogical narrations) while working at Golden Kids Child Care centre. She brings experience of working with children ages one to five years, creating environments that call for children's investigations and planning Reggio inspired programs that engage the toddler as well as the four year old pre-schooler.

Janice Reid has been working as a behaviour interventionist for young children with autism since 2008. She ran a home-based behaviour intervention program for her son of three years and started the East Kootenay Behaviour Intervention Program in April 2011 through the Community Connections Society of Southeast BC. She is currently completing the education and supervision requirements to become a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst. As both a parent and professional Janice is concerned with building a more coordinated service and treatment model for children with autism to maximize the impact of early intervention. Janice is the current Program Coordinator, East Kootenay Behaviour Intervention Program.

Brandy Simms is the mom of three year old Riley who was officially diagnosed with autism about a year ago. He is a happy, eager participant of the East Kootenay Behaviour Intervention Program in Cranbrook. Brandy has been involved in fundraising for the newly established Behaviour Intervention Program and currently working on setting up a preschool program that will benefit Riley. She does not have a professional background working with autism, her experience has been on the front lines with her son. Through that, Brandy has become a voracious researcher, observer, listener and student. She has learned the importance of advocating for services for her son and how difficult it can be. Along the way, she has also learned new meanings for the terms "gratitude" and, "perfection" from her usually smiling, frequently noisy, wildly active, tiny teacher...Riley.

Andrew Jarrett landed his first job as a manager in the non profit sector over 30 years ago and has gone through several job transitions. He led his own consulting business for 10 years before returning to the management ranks of the social sector. He is currently the Executive Coordinator of the Kootenay Boundary Community Services Co-operative.

Susan Hamman began her career as a music specialist for K – Gr.5. As a classroom teacher she continued to use music to facilitate learning and still does so in her private preschool, Kids in Harmony, which offers a variety of programs to 120+ preschoolers. Susan enjoys mentoring college students. Her passions are teaching and program planning.

Teresa Segstro has been an ECCE teacher for the past 27 years and owns and operates Kootenay Kinderschool in Nelson. She has a love of art and a love of creating art with children. She is currently researching Reggio Emilio techniques and applying some of these ideas in her classroom. She has attended several classes at Oxygen Art Centre in Nelson and enjoys exploring her own inner artist.

Nancy Ferguson has been a primary teacher for 20 years and a Kindergarten Teacher for the past 14 years in the Gordon Sargent Program. She has taught art to K-3 age children for the last 18 years. She has been part of a Kindergarten Group of teachers researching and carrying out Reggio Emilio techniques and is excited to try out the ideas in her classroom. She loves to find and bring new art techniques to her students.

Registration Form/Participant Information

Want to avoid paper; register online at www.wkearlyyears.ca

Please complete a separate registration for each person attending the conference.

Are you registering as an employee of a member agency of the Kootenay Boundary Community Services Co-operative?

Yes _____ No _____

Are you registering as a student? Yes _____ No _____

Program of study and where _____

Participant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____ Employer _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone number _____ Work Phone Number _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? _____

Do you have any accessibility needs? _____

Workshop Registration

Space is limited in all workshops. We will do our best to give you your first choices for each session. The earlier you register with payment, the better your chances as we take paid registrations on a first come, first serve basis. You will be informed of which workshops you are assigned to in your confirmation email when payment is received.

Day & Session	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Session A, Friday a.m.			
Session B, Friday p.m.			
Session C, Saturday a.m.			

Registration Fees

Full Conference Fee (Fri. and Sat.) \$ _____

One Day Conference Fee Friday \$ _____

One Day Conference Fee Saturday \$ _____

Extra Banquet Ticket(s) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Send registration form and cheque to:

Early Years Office, KBCSC
304-625 Front Street
Nelson, BC V1L 4B6

Conference Registration Fees

20% DISCOUNT: for Kootenay Boundary Community Services Co-operative Member Agency employees (Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services, Boundary Family & Individual Services Society, Castlegar & District Community Services Society, Kootenay Family Place, Kootenay Kids, Kutenai Art Therapy Institute, Nelson CARES Society, Nelson Community Services, North Kootenay Lake Community Services, Salmo Community Resource Society, Smum Iem, Trail FAIR Society, Trail Skills Centre)

CERTIFICATES FOR PRO-D HOURS: These will be available after the conference. A Sign-Up Sheet will be at the Conference Registration Desk.

STUDENT REGISTRATION: There is a discount for students with a full course load. Please see the chart below.

	Early Bird Before March 21, 2012	Early Bird (KBCSC member agency employees only)	After March 21, 2012	After March 21, 2012 (KBCSC member agency employees only)	Student (does not include banquet)
Full Conference (includes Friday, Saturday breakfasts and lunches and Friday night banquet)	\$155	\$124	\$180	\$144	\$50
Friday Only April 28 (includes breakfast, lunch and Friday night banquet)	\$100	\$80	\$120	\$100	\$25
Saturday Only April 29 (includes breakfast, lunch and Friday night banquet)	\$100	\$80	\$120	\$100	\$25
Extra Banquet Ticket	\$35	\$35 (no discount)	\$35	\$35 (no discount)	\$35

How to Register: Complete the registration form online at www.wkearlyyears.ca or complete the attached form to this brochure. Cheques can be made payable to Kootenay Boundary Community Services Co-operative. To secure your workshop choices, mail your cheque and completed registration form to: Early Years Conference, KBCSC, 304-625 Front Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4B6 (NOTE: A PAID REGISTRATION IS A CONFIRMATION OF CONFERENCE)

Information: For more information, contact the West Kootenay Early Years Office at 250.352.6786 or 1.866.551.KIDS (5437) or email childrenfirst@thekoop.ca or info@thekoop.ca

Cancellation Policy: Registration fees, less a \$40 administration fee will be refunded up to April 16, 2012. After this date, fees are not refundable.

Early Registration - Don't Delay: If you register before March 1, 2012, your name will be entered into a draw for ONE FREE FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION. We are limited on how many conference participants we can accommodate and expect this conference will fill up quickly, so don't delay register today.

Where to Stay While at the Conference

Super 8 Motel

651-18th Street

Rate: 99.60 plus tax

Call 250-365-2700 to reserve and ask for the Early Years Conference rate

Note: Held until March 16th only

Sandman

1944 Columbia Street

Rate: \$99.00 plus tax

Call 250.365.8444 to reserve and book under confirmation #190682

Note: Held until April 16th only

For more hotels and more information on how to get to Castlegar go to www.castlegar.ca

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