



ONLINE- Victoria CCRR Workshops Autumn 2020

For the Autumn 2020 season, workshops will be held on Zoom meetings with small class sizes. Due to limited spaces and to ensure everyone is able to attend at least one workshop, please RSVP to *one workshop only*. If you would like to attend more, or if the workshop is full, you can be added to the waitlist. RSVPs can be sent to rachel@childcarevictoria.ca



Ethical Considerations

Facilitated by Cindy Mackey



Date: Thursday, September 24th

Time: 7:30 - 9:10 PM with a 20 minute break between 8:10 - 8:30

Location: ONLINE - Zoom conference call

Cost: FREE - Spaces limited, RSVP required

About the Workshop:

During the Ethical Considerations virtual Zoom workshop, we will explore ethical decision making in general, and review some ethical theories that can be used to help make decisions, including issues around social media use. Research around ethical considerations as it relates to social media use will be shared. We will cover as many ethical theories as we can squeeze into our time together. We will divide our time into two 40 minute sessions with a 20 minute break.

About the Facilitator:

Cindy Mackey has been an Early Childhood Educator, for over 20 years, working in Greater Victoria and on the Saanich Peninsula. She is now at Arbutus Grove Children's Centre as Nature Program Manager, starting up a new program which will combine play, inquiry-based learning and connections with nature. Her interests are varied and include Reggio inspired practice, early musical development, nature education, children's literature, story-telling, leadership, staff retention, collaborative and reflective teaching, enhancing parent communication, social media marketing, ethics, and community building.

Let's Pretend Together! Drama for Meaningful Learning at Your Care Centre

Facilitated by Emily Holden



Date: Tuesday, October 20th

Time: 7:30 - 9:10 PM with a 20 minute break between 8:10 - 8:30

Location: ONLINE - Zoom conference call

Cost: FREE - Spaces limited, RSVP required

About the Workshop:

Tap into Dramatic Play! Learn how to begin to guide children's natural interest in imaginative play into group intentional social emotional learning. This workshop will focus on using "Teacher In Role". Insert yourself, as an educator, into children's dramatic play, in order to explore deeper learning with the children. Explore ways to encourage group problems solving and critical thinking in very young children through drama. Be prepared to participate! (Please note: this workshop does not require any previous drama experience.)

About the Facilitator:

Emily Holden holds a master's degree in Applied Theatre from the University of Victoria. She specializes in Drama in Education with pre-literate children. Her programs, Pretend Together and Wee Pretend Together, are offered out of Vic West Community Centre. Emily has been developing and facilitating drama workshops for young children in care centres, elementary schools and with their families for over four years. Emily is working on an upcoming website: drama-in-play.com

Educating Citizens Through Play

Presented by "Teacher" Tom Hobson



Date: Saturday, November 7th

Time: This 2-hour long video will be viewable between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Location: ONLINE - Pre-recorded video

Cost: FREE - Spaces limited, RSVP required

About the Presentation:

Teacher Tom speaks about how children's play brings the habits and principles of democracy into 'early years' classrooms. He will begin by discussing the purpose of education in democratic societies and how and why we have managed to veer so far from the original intent, which is to educate citizens capable of contributing to the grand experiment of self-governance. In this full-throated support for play-based education, he details through his illustrative classroom stories and examples exactly how his curriculum works.

About the Presenter:

Tom "Teacher Tom" Hobson is a preschool teacher, writer, speaker, artist, and author. He is best known, however, for his namesake blog "[Teacher Tom's Blog](#)," where he has posted daily for nearly a decade, chronicling the life and times of his little preschool in the rain soaked Pacific Northwest corner of the US. For the past two decades Teacher Tom was the sole employee of the Woodland Park Cooperative School, a parent-owned and operated school, knit together by Teacher Tom's democratic, progressive play-based pedagogy.

Embracing Gender Diversity

Facilitated by Elliot Wheatcroft and Kendra Farley



Date: Thursday, November 19th

Time: 7:30 - 9:10 PM with a 20 minute break between 8:10 - 8:30

Location: ONLINE - Zoom conference call

Cost: FREE - Spaces limited, RSVP required

About the Workshop:

‘Embracing Gender Diversity in the Early Years’ is an interactive and engaging online workshop. Elliot and Kendra use a personalized, intersectional approach to discuss the culture of gender and the use of intentional language to include gender diverse children and families. They share their compassionate perspective through story and offer scenarios, role-plays, and thoughtfully directed dialogue to help prepare participants to be more “comfortable with being uncomfortable” when engaging in social change.

About the Facilitators:

Elliot Wheatcroft has extensive experience in inclusive early childhood education, with over 10 years of working in the field in a variety of roles and settings. Elliot has also spent over 12 years supporting trans and gender diverse children, youth, and families in various roles, including as a youth group facilitator and as a child, youth and family community support health liaison. He currently cares for his three young children on the traditional lands of the T’Souke Nation in Sooke BC while studying Child and Youth Care at UVIC.

Kendra Farley is an inspired leader in the early childhood education and care field. Her passion to see access, inclusion, and diversity forefront in British Columbia led her to spearhead new programmes and to implement early years focus and innovation for many local organizations. Kendra consulted in the private sector as a Corporate Childcare Consultant, lecturer, and programme head for the early years department at CDI College.

Know Anyone Looking to Open An In-Home Care Centre?

Family Child Care Training

Facilitated by Lesley Porterfield



Developed by the Canadian Child Care Federation, Family Child Care training gives students the requisite credentials to open their own Licensed Family or Registered License-Not-Required centre.

- September 30 to November 18 (every Wednesday evening, on Zoom, except November 11, due to Remembrance Day). September 30 is an introduction evening to the course and to everyone in the cohort!
- Zoom meetings are 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- Facilitator is Lesley Porterfield, host is Erin Waddell
- Cost is \$150, completely refundable upon successful completion of the course and full recruitment by the Victoria CCRR
- Format is virtual through a Learning Management System (LMS), coupled with the weekly Zoom time with facilitator and host
- The LMS will have required reading, quizzes, and short answer questions. The Zoom time will be an instructional time and opportunity to work in groups to further explore the reading, quizzes, and short answer questions. Each week you will be responsible to complete two units before the Wednesday evening Zoom time.
- Contact Belinda Macey, Program Coordinator, for further details and to register:
belinda@childcarevictoria.ca

Please note: This course is only being offered to those looking to open their own in-home care centre. Back-fill professional development for Early Child Educators is not available.