

**GREETINGS FROM THE
18th ANNUAL
CARING THAT COUNTS
PROVIDER
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE!**

Reaching Out

WORKSHOPS

A wide variety of topics are available this year. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences. **When you arrive at the conference you will receive your assigned workshops.**

CONFERENCE MENU

There will be a wide selection of foods throughout the day including hot breakfast in the morning & lunch buffet, as well as a coffee break in the afternoon.

DISPLAYS

We are pleased to offer a variety of displays that will provide you with interesting products and services. Visit the vendors any time during the day in the foyer to purchase.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

While we try to teach our
children all about life,
Our children teach us
what life is all about.

Angela Schwindt



Radisson Hotel

4440 Gateway Boulevard

Edmonton, Alberta

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18th Annual Caring That Counts 2010 Provider Conference

**CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY
ALBERTA FAMILY CHILD
CARE ASSOCIATION
REGION 6**

Committee Members: Liz, Surjit, Natsha,
Parminder, Joanne, Carolyn & Jennie



Saturday, April 17, 2010

Radisson Hotel,

Edmonton South

4440 Gateway Boulevard

Entertainment

Scottish Country Dance

It is a form of social dance involving groups of mixed couples performing progressive patterns according to a predetermined choreography. It is considered a form of folk dancing. Scottish Dancing is done in couples, with the men wearing kilts and the women having sashes.

Northern Lights Dancers

It is a non profit dance troop that performs traditional South American folk dances reaching out to share their love of dancing.

AGENDA

8:00—8:45	Registration Hot Breakfast
8:45—9:00	Opening Remarks
9:00—9:45	Keynote Speaker
9:45 - 10:00	Break
10:00—11:30	Session #1
11:30—12:45	Lunch
12:45—2:15	Session #2
2:15—2:45	Break/Displays
2:45—3:45	Session #3
3:45—4:15	Door Prizes Wrap Up Evaluations
4:15-4:30	Displays

Registration Information

Early Bird: (post marked PRIOR to March 5, 2010)

\$100 non-refundable fee / person

Regular: postmarked after March 5, 2010

\$125 non-refundable fee / person

If you are unable to attend after you have paid registration fee, please contact your agency who will attempt to find someone else who would like to attend in your place.

SESSION #1 10:00—11:30

A. Creating Partnerships

Caring for children is hard work for childcare providers and for parents. Working together as partners and developing relationships can make the task easier for everyone. Join us for a session filled with ideas for enhancing parent provider relationships, discussing difficult subjects and maintaining professional boundaries.

Presenters: *Dori Wearmouth and Loretta Hannah, Early Childhood Resource Workers, Leduc County*

B. ‘From Soup to Nuts: Planning a Program with Children’s Interests in Mind’

Children will teach us how to reach them if we tune in to what delights them, intrigues them, and makes them laugh. In this session, we will work through examples and ideas that come to us from Reggio Emilia and discuss how we can create environments and experiences that promote play and learning based on a child’s interests in a family Child care setting. Providers will be able to walk away with increased understanding of a planning cycle: observations, planning, implementation, and reflection.

Presenter: *Dr. Sherrill Brown, Ph.D
Grant MacEwan University*

C. Staging Your Home For Parents

Do you want to learn about how to set up your home for parents? You have purchased your equipment and been approved to open your day home. Now what? This session will cover how to set up your home and answer parent questions about your program and select your home for their children.

Presenter: *Darrell Giraldeau, Norquest College*

SESSION #2 12:45—2:15

A. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

This session will include information on: What is Autism Spectrum Disorder? Early signs and symptoms—importance of early diagnosis. Characteristics of children with ASD—why they behave as they do? Impact on families of having a child with ASD. Supporting children with ASD in a dayhome.

Presenter: *Karen Phillips, Bachelor of Social Work and a parent of an adult child with ASD*

B. Dealing with Difficult Behaviour

“Why do children act this way?” If you’ve ever silently asked this question, you are not the only provider to ask it. Responding to temper tantrums, crying, frustration, grief, and anger is a challenge we face every day. Gain a new level of understanding and skill as we explore strategies for dealing with difficult behaviours.

Presenters: *Dori Wearmouth and Loretta Hannah, Early Childhood Resource Workers, Leduc County*

C. Let’s Talk About Critical Incidents/ Complaints

Find out how to prevent incidents and how to keep accurate information when handling an incident or complaint. How important is it to follow agency standards and requirements? As a family day home provider, what kinds of relationships do we have with the families, agencies and what is my role in it. At the end of the workshop, day home providers will be provided information to feel confident in reporting incidents and handling complaints.

Presenter: *Elaine Klassen, Child Care Services*

SESSION #3 2:45—3:45

A. Story Box: Reading with Little Ones

Participants will learn how to build a child’s communication skills by using books. Tips for using books at different ages will be discussed. Participants will also learn how to create a Story Box using a theme from any children’s book and use those themes to plan activities throughout the day. A tool to guide Story Box building may be available for purchase at a nominal fee.

Presenter: *Lisa Johnson, Speech-Language Pathologist with Alberta Health Services*

B. Caring for Children and Families from Diverse Communities

This session will highlight cultural perspectives in caring and supporting children and families from diverse backgrounds.

Presenters: *Multicultural Health Brokers: June Kon: June works with Cantonese speaking communities. Tigist Dafla: Tigist serves the Eritrean/Ethiopian communities. Susana Runge: Susana serves Spanish-speaking communities.*

C. Understanding And Guiding Toddler Behaviour

Do you sometimes find yourself feeling puzzled or frustrated by toddler’s behaviour? In this workshop, we will examine toddler development in order to understand and guide their behaviour. You will have the opportunity to apply this information to issues that have come up in your day home.

Presenter: *Christine Massing, Norquest College*