



Nurturing Brilliant Minds:

A Professional Learning Series for Educators of Infants and Toddlers

All new
sessions!

Building on the highly successful first three sessions in Nurturing Brilliant Minds, the ECCDC is pleased to offer new sessions in the series.

Session Four: Outdoor Play

Outdoor Play will consider how educators can look to provide cost-effective outdoor play experiences for the youngest children in their care. During the workshop, Educators will look at how they can enhance their existing outdoor environments by incorporating the four natural elements to support sensory rich experiences that will enhance play, promote exploration, and provide a sense of wonder for both mobile and non-mobile children. The session will also look at the role of schema play in outdoor environments and how to include experiences that reflect schema play. Participants will have opportunities to engage in meaningful discussions with fellow Educators and to go outside and explore materials to utilize with infants and toddlers in the great outdoors. Be prepared with clothing appropriate for the weather forecast and come play and explore with us outdoors.

Monday October 15, 2018 • 6:00 to 9:00 pm (6:00 pm Networking and light refreshments; 6:30 pm Workshop Beginning; 9:00 pm Workshop closing) • St. Catharines Museum Lock 3, 1932 Welland Canals Parkway, St. Catharines • \$45 includes all materials and nutrition break

Session Five: Supporting Risk and Challenge for Infants and Toddlers

As Educators we are becoming more and more aware of the need for children to take healthy risks and the benefits that go with healthy risk-taking that challenges children. But what does this look like for infants and toddlers and how do we provide experiences that afford risk and challenge for younger children? If this is something that you have been wondering about and is something that sparks your curiosity, then come and join fellow like-minded Educators and Ginette Wilson, ECCDC's Early Learning and Child Care Trainer, to reflect on current practice and engage in thought-provoking conversations that may push your boundaries. The session will revisit the importance of children taking healthy risks and how we engage parents and colleagues in these conversations. Discussions will take place around practical ways that Educators can afford infants and toddlers opportunities to experience healthy risk and challenge.

Monday November 12, 2018 • 6:00 to 9:00 pm (6:00 pm Networking and light refreshments; 6:30 pm Workshop Beginning; 9:00 pm Workshop closing) • ECCDC Conference Room, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold • \$45 includes all materials and nutrition break

To register, call 905.646.7311 ext. 304, email eccdc@eccdc.org or visit www.eccdc.org.



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Ginette has enjoyed a 30 year career in early learning and child care in North America and the United Kingdom in a variety of positions including working directly with children, managing early learning and child care teams and consulting with not for profit and private organizations and government and social service agencies. Most recently, Ginette has worked with DSBN as a Designated Early Childhood Educator and with Rosalind Blauer as a Registered Early Childhood Educator. In the United Kingdom, Ginette worked as a Childcare Development Officer, promoting high quality child care services for children from birth to 16 and their families. She also worked as a Play Training Development Instructor; developing, delivering and coordinating a variety of workshops and network sessions. Ginette also served as a Childcare Manager in addition to holding various early childhood educator positions.



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