

Fort and Den Building for Older Children

Do you remember the pleasure of building forts and dens as a child? Would you like to incorporate this with into your early learning and child care setting or would you like to build on your current fort and den building experiences? If so, this session is for you. Together, we will consider the benefits of affording preschool and school age children opportunities to build forts and dens, and how this reflects the four foundations highlighted in *How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years*. The session will focus on a variety of strategies that educators can utilize when facilitating fort and den building experiences for older children. Participants will have an opportunity to share ideas and consider a range of materials, resources and tools that can be used when building forts and dens in both indoor and outdoor environments. There will be an opportunity for participants to build forts and dens outdoors, so make sure that you review the weather forecast and come prepared to have fun!

Tuesday May 28, 2019 • 6:00 to 9:00 pm (6:00pm networking and light refreshments; 6:30pm workshop begins; 9:00pm workshop closing) • ECCDC (outside), 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold • \$45 includes 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

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