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Making a Difference through Inclusion

Tuesday, December 8th, 2009
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Marriott Courtyard, 1224 Upper James St.

Directions from the Linc, exit at Upper James and go south (towards Stonechurch Rd).
The Marriott Courtyard is on the right, before Stonechurch Rd.

Keynote Speakers

"The Perfect Plan" – Presented By: Susan and Randy Bassett
Like many parents, Susan and Randy thought they had the perfect plan for their new baby. When Treva arrived with severe medical and developmental challenges, these plans changed. Follow their story as they discovered how the power of Inclusion made their original plan more Perfect than they ever imagined.

Have you got Attitude? – Presented By: Debra Mayer MA, Director of SpeciaLink, the National Centre for Child Care Inclusion, early childhood consultant for Community Living Manitoba and a faculty member in the University of Winnipeg's ECE degree program.
This keynote address will inspire you to pause to reflect on your own attitudes towards children with special support needs, and to explore the philosophies and practices of inclusion. You will consider how to work as a team with parents, colleagues and other professionals within an inclusive, high-quality children's program; and how you can support all children and families to celebrate individual uniqueness and the joy of diversity, in an inclusive, caring and early learning environment.

Registration Fee for Tuesday December 8th, 2009 - $5.00

E-mail: ascy@ascy.ca or phone Angela Curto at 905-574-6876 ext 229.

Please register by November 21, 2009

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Inclusion from Policy to Practice

Invitation to attend an exciting and informative event for Resource Teachers & Early Learning and Child Care Directors/Supervisors

Wednesday, December 9th, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Marriott Courtyard, 1224 Upper James St.

Keynote Speakers:

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Inclusion Visionaries – Presented By: Debra Mayer MA, Director of SpeciaLink, the National Centre for Child Care Inclusion, early childhood consultant for Community Living Manitoba and a faculty member in the University of Winnipeg's ECE degree program.
One of the principles of high-quality, inclusive childcare is the presence of Leadership, Pro-active Strategies and Advocacy. Consider the role of policies and practice that support inclusion quality in early childhood programs, communities, and in government policy to transform the programs and system to benefit all children.

Workshop Options
(Descriptions on Page 2)

Morning

A. Creating A Place For All Children: Measuring Inclusive Quality In Early Childhood Programs – *Presented By: Debra Mayer*

B. "Open your Heart, Open your Mind" – *Panel Presentation: Staff, Parents, Community Partners from Waterdown District Children's Centre*

C. Support Facilitators and Enhanced Staffing In Early Learning and Care Centres – *Presented By: Integration Resources Hub*

D. A Policy Framework to Support a Culture for Diversity in the Workplace – *Presented By: Denise Doyle*

Afternoon

E. Inclusion Successes – *Presented By: Debra Mayer*

F. Beyond Diversity As We Know It: Uncovering "isms" in Children's Literature and ECE Practice – *Presented By: Tricia Dumais*

G. Checklist for Quality Inclusive Education (CQIE) – *Presented By: Sheryl Ragobar*

H. The Perfect Plan Workshop – *Presented By: Susan and Randy Bassett*

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Morning Workshops

A. *Creating a Place For All Children: Measuring Inclusive Quality in Early Childhood Programs*
Presented By: Debra Mayer
SpeciaLink Early Childhood Inclusion Quality Rating Scale (2009) has become a key tool for measuring inclusion quality in Canadian early learning and care programs. Here is your chance to get to know the tool which helps us to assess and inspire early childhood inclusive quality. Let's begin the dialogue about necessary resources and training to support inclusive child care.

B. *"Open your Heart, Open your Mind"*
Presented By: Shelley Bradaric, Katrina Ellis, Rob Flosman & Wilma Graczyk
This panel will share their inclusion policy and will discuss their success stories in including children with special needs in their program. Panel members include a parent, child care supervisor, classroom teachers and a resource teacher.

C. *Support Facilitators and Enhanced Staffing In Early Learning and Care Centres*
Presented By: Pat Senft - *Community Living Hamilton,* Gayle Parkinson – *Hamilton & District Council of Cooperative Preschools Corp(Integration Program) &* Susan Lepore – *Early Childhood Integration Support Services (A program of St. Matthew's House)*
This presentation will explore the roles and responsibilities of support facilitators and will review the procedure for requesting additional classroom support.

D. *A Policy Framework to Support a Culture for Diversity in the Workplace*
Presented By: Denise Doyle
Denise Doyle, Coordinator of the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion - Diversity Project, will present key considerations when writing policies which support inclusive practices.

Afternoon Workshops

E. *Inclusion Successes*
Presented By: Debra Mayer
This workshop provides stories of inclusion successes and faces the question: "How do we know whether our child care inclusion efforts have been successful?" Based on real children who faced various challenges, we share stories of successful inclusion, from child care through school and young adulthood.

F. *Beyond Diversity As We Know It: Uncovering "isms" in Children's Literature and ECE Practice*
Presented By: Tricia Dumais
Our current notions of diversity and inclusion involve considerations of race and culture and the promotion of inclusion for children with special needs. A re-conceptualization movement in the profession of early childhood education is inviting us to rethink diversity. Preliminary research findings from Masters Research will be shared to demonstrate a number of hidden `isms' in children's literature and ECE practice. ECE as we know it is changing – Are we ready?

G. *Checklist for Quality Inclusive Education (CQIE)*
Presented By: Sheryl Ragobar
If you have never been introduced to this tool or you have a copy and are not sure how to use it, this session is for you. This will be a hands-on look at the CQIE and ways to use it to effect change and improve quality within child care programs.

H. *The Perfect Plan Workshop*
Presented By: Susan and Randy Bassett
Join the Bassetts as they engage you in interactive group work and have discussions based on key points from their key note address. At the end of this workshop, each participant will take away resources and materials to be shared in the community.

Registration Form

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Phone #:_____ Email address:_____

Workshop Choices: AM - _____ or _____ Food Allergies:_____
PM - _____ or _____

Payment Options: Bill to Organization ____ Payment Attached ____

This form can be faxed to ASCY for registration at 905-574-8843, Attention – Angela Curto
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