



Supporting Richmond's Families

A Symposium Celebrating Child Care Month For Early Childhood Educators, Child Care Providers and Parents

Saturday, May 4, 2024

8:00am - 12:30pm

**City Hall, 6911 No.3 Road,
Richmond**

8:00am Registration

8:30am Welcome and Keynote Presentation

9:30am Coffee Break and Child Care
Strategy Update

10:00am Workshop 1, 2, or 3

11:30am Workshop 4 or 5

12:30pm Close

Keynote Presentation

Elder Shane Point: Supporting Families; A First Nations Perspective

Shane is a Proud member of the Point family, Coast Salish Nation and the Musqueam Indian band.

Shane has worked for the past 50 years in the service of the First Nations People of BC and others.

His motto is "Nutsamaht" (We are one)

Registration fee \$15 plus GST, please visit: richmondkids.ca/en/workshops/supporting-richmonds-children-2024
This event counts as 3.5 hours of professional development.

Organized by the City of Richmond
Child Care Development Advisory Committee



Workshop 1

Embrace and Empower: Enhancing Emotional Resilience in Early Childhood Education Environments

This workshop will take a deep dive into the foundation of emotional resilience in early childhood and will provide practical tools and strategies to support the mental health of children. You will discover activities and lessons that help children recognize, understand and express their emotion in healthy ways and help children develop coping mechanisms and resilience.

Dr. Sharon To is a Registered Psychologist in the Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Program at Vancouver Coastal Health. She is a Clinical Instructor and an Adjunct Professor at UBC. **Madelaine Ressel** and **Teija YliRenko** are practicum students in the ECMH Program. Madelaine is completing her PhD in clinical child psychology at Simon Fraser University and Teija is completing her PhD in School and Applied Child Psychology at UBC.

Workshop 2

Building Bridges with Newcomers and Chinese Immigrant Families in Child Care Centre's

This workshop is designed to empower participants with the knowledge, skills and empathy to effectively support and interact with newcomers and Chinese Immigrant Families. In this workshop participants will discuss challenges that Newcomers may face, including language barriers, changes in family structures and cultural misunderstandings relating to early childhood education.

Chris Yin Ren is a mother of two and an Early Childhood Educator. Chris has a Master of Education from Simon Fraser University and worked as a Chinese teacher in Vancouver for almost 10 years.

Workshop 3

Enriching Early Childhood Education with Cultural Kits

This workshop, led by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society, will introduce participants to the BCACCS cultural kits that are available to borrow from their lending library, for use in early learning settings. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of Indigenous perspectives and cultural protocols and discover how to use materials, stories, and activities in culturally respectful ways.

Kirsten Bevelander is a Co-Manager of the Aboriginal Child Care Resource and Referral Program at the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society.

Workshop 4

Cultural Practices in Caregiving

In this workshop Richmond Multicultural Community Services will share their experiences and knowledge of providing childcare with a multi-cultural lens. The workshop will explore childcare approaches and customs from different cultures and understand how this can inform and enhance your own caregiving practices.

Richmond Multicultural Community Services provides settlement services for newcomers and immigrants to Canada, they provide a wealth of programs and events to facilitate multi-culturalism, diversity and inclusiveness in Richmond.

Workshop 5

Diversity in Storytime

All children need to see themselves reflected in storytime adventures and see others who are different from them represented with equal importance. Children need to see the food they eat, the holidays they celebrate, and the skin colour of their family members represented. This workshop will provide ideas on how to facilitate storytimes so that they can be a safe place for children to learn about people, cultures, and abilities that are different from their own.

Linda Loceff is a Children and Family Services Librarian at the Richmond Public Library.

Children's Art Exhibition

The City of Richmond, the Child Care Development Advisory Committee and the Richmond Public Library will be hosting a Children's Art Exhibition to celebrate child care month.

The exhibition will be on display on the Community Art Wall of the Richmond Public Library (Brighthouse Branch) from May 3 to May 31, 2024. To obtain more information please email childcare@richmond.ca.