

3rd Annual

Heart
of the
Provider



Early Learning and Child Care Conference
October 5, 2019
Stettler United Church, Stettler, AB

Heart of the Provider 2018 Conference Brochure

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4820 51st, Stettler AB

Conference Welcome

We are thrilled to invite and welcome you to our third Heart of the Provider conference. There are many aspects to being a great early years leader and one of those aspect is engaging in ongoing development. We look forward to bringing you sessions that inspire, motivate and highlight the wonderful person you are.

Keynote Speaker - 9:00am-10:45am

Speaking with Children so they can Think- Teacher Tom

In a very real sense, the language we use creates reality. Tom speaks on how the specific words we use, and how and when we use them, shapes reality for our students for both good and bad. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of: being clear and precise with language; honoring children without commanding or bossing them; using words to create a world of facts and intrinsic motivation; creating space in which children must do their own thinking and make their own decisions; and supporting children as they learn from the natural consequences of their behaviors.



Conference Schedule

8:15am - Registration

8:45am - Opening Remarks

9:00am - Keynote Speaker

10:45am - Coffee Break

AM Sessions 11:00am-12:30pm

A1	A2	A3	A4	A5
Circle Time with Teacher Tom	Taking Flight	BUJO	Rocks and Sticks and Wonderful Things	Mini Movers

12:30pm - Lunch

Lunch Sessions: 1:15pm- 2:45pm

L1	L2	L3
Discovering Networks	Framework FAQ discussion	Way to Wellness

PM2 Sessions 2:45pm-4:15pm

P1 - Repeat	P2	P3	P4	P5
Circle Time with Teacher Tom	Noticing, Naming, Nurturing Children's Dispositions to Learn	What a Wonderful World	Positive Provider	Fine Motor Fun

4:15pm - Closing remarks, 50/50, Raffle & Prize draws

4:45pm - Finish

AM Sessions

A1 & P1 (Repeat of A1)- Circle Time With Teacher Tom - Teacher Tom

At its core, a play-based early childhood curriculum is about supporting the children as they construct their own learning by asking their own questions, then having the time and space to pursue their own answers within the context of community. In this session, Teacher Tom brings the principles of play-based learning to adult professional development. We will, together, construct our own learning based upon the questions that each of us bring to our "circle time". Teacher Tom will facilitate our explorations in the same sort of freeform manner he employs in working with the young children he teaches, interspersing discussion with songs and stories. Come prepared to shake up your thinking as well as your body.

A2- Taking *Flight*: Early Childhood Curriculum in Action - Tricia Lirette & Lee Makovichuk

Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework (previously titled *Play, Participation and Possibilities*) has been available to the early learning sector in Alberta since 2014. Ongoing research and development continues with the participation of practicing educators. Please join Lee and Tricia for a basic introduction to the Framework's core concepts, holistic goals and dispositions to learn.

Together, we will consider:

- ~What it means to begin with children's play as a source of curriculum?
- ~What it means to co-construct early childhood curriculum with children and families?
- ~How the framework helps make children's learning visible?

The session will explore these questions, along with some possible starting points for engaging with the curriculum in your daily work.

A3- BUJO - Sarah Golby

If you have ever wondered what Bullet Journaling is and how it can help you be more intentional about life, this class is for you.

Join journaling coach Sarah Golby for an introduction to this creative organizational system. Totally customizable to fit your life and goals, a BuJo can be a fit whether you are a jet setting exec, busy mom, or "in between". Discover the power of intentional planning, reflection, and adding creativity to your day to unlock your full potential while learning to release perfectionism and create a journaling practice that will finally stick as part of your daily routine.

A4- Rocks and Sticks and Wonderful Things: Creative Outdoor Play ideas for young children- Tina Franchuk

It's time to go back to our 'roots' and get outside to discover the wonders and adventures that the great outdoors has for us! Outdoor play and nature play gives children an opportunity to learn in ways that develop their minds and bodies. This workshop will give you some great ideas of how to promote these wonderful learning experiences for children in creative and simple ways! Whether its bark rubbing, freezing bubbles or hopping and jumping through mud puddles – every child deserves a chance to freely express themselves and connect with nature.

A5- Mini Movers Music & Movement for young children - Rhonda Gillrie

Humans are naturally creative, musical and artistic. Through dance children develop spatial awareness, pay attention to others sharing their space and enhance locomotor skills. Leave this session with a plethora of songs, movement ideas and how to use simple props to enhance your gross motor programming.

Lunch Sessions

L1: Discovering Networks

This session is an opportunity for you to develop deeper relationships, knowledge and understanding. Many of our session presenters will be available during discovering networks to answer additional questions you may have.

There will also be an opportunity to visit with vendors chosen specifically for our field of work. Build your resources, gain contacts and discover new ideas.

L2 - FAQ About *Flight*

Please bring all your questions about *Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework* (previously, *Play, Participation, and Possibilities*) and enjoy an informal discussion of the possibilities it opens up for educator's in their daily work with children and families.

L3 - Ways To Wellness- Join Stacie Pederson, Health Promotion Facilitator for this fun, upbeat and informative session focusing on YOU! When we invest and take care of ourselves, we are better able to take care others! This session will focus on what we all need to THRIVE and be our best selves. Parameters of Physical, Spiritual, Emotional Wellness will be explored in an interactive format including mindfulness, stress reduction, physical activity, laughter, gratitude and healthy eating ideas you can get started on right away to live your best life!

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P2- Noticing, Naming and Nurturing Children’s Dispositions to Learn -

Tricia Lirette & Lee Makovichik

What does it mean to notice and name children’s dispositions to learn? How might one nurture children’s dispositions to learn? In this interactive session, Tricia and Lee will engage participants in curriculum meaning making processes that reveal the dispositions to learn children already bring to play and learning. Building on these observations of children, participants will consider the many ways that they might use time, space, materials and participation to create environments that foster children’s important dispositions for play and learning.

P4- Positive Provider Lisa Goodkey

Being a parent/ provider is extremely rewarding and enjoyable but it is not always easy. Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) aims to take the stress out of parenting and make it easier by providing practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

This session will provide you with ideas to help:

- recognize the causes of common child behavior problems
- build a positive relationship with your child
- Praise and encourage behavior you like
- set rules & give instructions your child will follow
- teach your child new skills
- respond to misbehavior immediately, consistently & decisively
- use discipline strategies that work
- Take care of yourself as a provider

P3- What A Wonderful World: Promoting Multiculturalism and Diversity in the Classroom -

Tina Franchuk

Let’s take a tour around the globe to learn how to promote a culturally diverse and inclusive classroom where every family, child and culture is welcomed with smiles and a friendly “Guten Tag!” Promoting a multicultural and diverse classroom environment allows children to see the world in a variety of perspectives on a daily basis. Let’s help them learn about our similarities, appreciate and respect our differences and uniqueness by teaching them about how everyone smiles around the world! This workshop will provide you with a collection of activities and ideas that will help you to plant the seeds of empathy and help children understand the world around them. Let’s embrace our cultures and our diversities and show children what a wonderful world we are all a part of

P5- Fine Motor Fun- Stephanie Nixon

As our children today are using technology by swiping screens younger and for extended amounts of time, we are seeing decreased fine motor abilities. This session will dive into the skills behind fine motor and ways to bring fine motor practice into the classroom without using worksheets or screens.

Our Presenters

Teacher Tom : Tom “Teacher Tom” Hobson has been teaching at Woodland Park for the past 15 years. He is known for his progressive, play-based curriculum and namesake blog “[Teacher Tom’s Blog](#)” where he has posted daily since 2009, chronicling the life and times of the Woodland Park Cooperative School. Over the past several years, he has been invited to speak all over the world, sharing his stories, insights, and ideas with educators from Greece to China, Australia to the UK. Teacher Tom came into teaching through the backdoor, so to speak, having enrolled his own child in a cooperative preschool. He worked each day in his daughter’s classroom as an assistant teacher under the tutelage of veteran teachers, although he’ll be the first to tell you that most of what he learned came from the children themselves. When it was time for his daughter to move on, he “stayed behind,” and that’s where he plans to remain for the rest of his life.

Tina Franchuk- is an early childhood coach and owner of Inspired Minds ECC. She has a background in Early Learning and Child Development with over 15 years of practical experience as a teacher, coach and consultant. Tina has been a contributing author to various international early childhood curriculums in Canada, United States and Asia.

Tricia Lirette & Lee Makovichik- are colleagues on faculty at MacEwan University Early Learning and Child Care Program. In the past six years, they have collaborated with a team of academics and educators to research and develop *Flight: Alberta’s Early Learning and Care Framework* (previously, *Play, Participation, and Possibilities*). We have been inspired in this research journey by the brilliant, imaginative and organic nature of children’s everyday curriculum making.

Rhonda Gillrie- Miss Rhonda began dancing at the age of two and has never stopped. She has studied and continues to study many styles of dance. Rhonda owns and operates the Rhonda McCulloch Danceology that began over 34 years ago. She has trained dancers who are now professionally performing and/or pursuing Fine Arts Degrees or Masters in Dance. She adores seeing former students now as teachers! Beyond that, her greatest thrill is still to see the growth in self-esteem and self confidence dance brings to her students.

Stacie Pederson : Health Promotion Facilitator

Sarah Golby- Sarah is an international speaker, transformational coach, and obsessive journal nerd running wild in rural Alberta. She is obsessed with human transformation, and believes every person has infinite potential waiting to be unlocked. She is most well known for her annual event Return to Wild where she helps participants get Present, connect to their Purpose, and unlock joy through Play in the Alberta Rockies, and for her work in Journal Club helping others become the heroes of their own stories by putting pen to paper. When she isn't working to change lives, she can be found scrambling mountains or raising, in her own words, 'some really great lookin' cows'.

Lisa Goodkey- is currently a day home provider with training in Triple P, Circle of Security, Kids Have Stress Too, Ages and Stages and emotional coaching. Lisa has a big heart and is well loved by her colleagues and day home families.

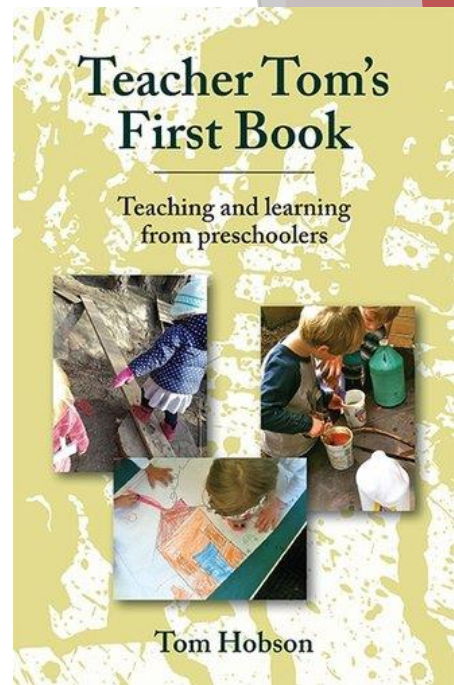
Stephanie Nixon – formerly a kindergarten teacher, Stephanie is now a full time day home provider since 2010. Along with running a day home she has taught preschool dance & acrobatics since 2005. With certificates in gymnastics, acrobatique, soccer, ECE and personal fitness active learning with strong foundations is always a focus in her programs. The early years and movement come together naturally as a passion for Stephanie.

Teacher Tom's First Book

Teacher Tom's First Book is by turns a hilarious, thought-provoking, and moving exploration of the life and times of this world-renowned teacher and his little preschool in Seattle, Washington. Conceived as a "best of" compilation from the award-winning Teacher Tom's Blog (<http://teachertombsblog.blogspot.com>), this book encapsulates, in stories from the classroom, what makes his democratic play-based curriculum such a powerful way for young children to learn life's most important lessons. 272 pages , 5.5 x 8.5 paperback
Peanut Butter Publishing

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Conference Registration Fees & Information

Past Attendee registration fee -- \$160 by July 15, 2019

Early registration fee -- \$165 by August 15, 2019

Regular Registration fee -- \$185.00 All registrations after August 15, 2019

Keynote only -- \$35

Conference is located at Stettler United Church 4820 51st

Registration Policy

- Registration is on a first come basis
- Registration is non-refundable. Registration may be transferred to another person
- Fees must be paid to complete registration hold your session choice. Form only is not enough to hold your place.
- Session Designation will be included with your name tag at the conference. Changes can not be made once receipt is sent.

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By Mail to

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By Email to

Scan & email your registration form to:
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Methods of Payment

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact person: _____

Check all that apply to you:

Email: _____

() Day Home – Provider () Day Home- Coordinator () School Age () Playschool/Pre-k

() Centre- Coordinator () Centre- Infant/toddler () Centre- Preschool () Other _____

Session Information:

Provide 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice. Indicate "1" for first choice, "2" for second, etc.

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L2 ___ Framework FAQ

L3 ___ Way to Wellness –

Invest in You!

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P2 ___ Noticing, Naming, Nurturing children's dispositions to learn

P3 ___ What a Wonderful World

P4 ___ Triple P

P5 ___ Fine Motor

2019 Conference Rate: \$165 Early Bird (until August 15)

\$185 Regular Fee (after August 15)

\$160 Past Attendee Fee (until July 15)

Payment Method: () E-transfer to HeartofTheProvider@gmail.com No answer needed.

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