



# 2015 Winter Workshops

Workshops are held Tuesdays from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm at 6208 Quinpool Road, 2nd Floor, Halifax (\*\*unless noted as a workshop + tour)

## Troubleshooting Transitions: A Team Approach

Come with your team mates ready to dig into what is and isn't working during your daily classroom routines and transitions. Together we will identify developmentally appropriate practices and consider ways to overcome roadblocks that are commonly encountered by teachers as they attempt to develop transitions that work for both children and adults. Participants will work through a series of activities intended to help them explore their values and beliefs as they design transitions for the children and teachers in their settings.

**Carrie Melsom** is the Coordinator of the NSCECE Early Childhood Educator Resource Centre. She has worked in the ECE field since 1986. She has an ECE Diploma and a Certificate in Adult Education. She's a lover not a fighter, so smooth transitions are extremely important to her.

**January 20, 2015**

## Enjoying Healthy Foods With Young Children

Join Megan and Michelle, past NSCECE summer interns for an interactive and fun approach to the topic of nutrition for young children. They will share current research, recipes and tips designed to help early childhood educators meet the nutritional needs of the children in their care. Participants will also explore some of the common challenges experienced in group care during mealtimes and consider strategies that can help everyone have a positive and healthy mealtime experience.

**Megan Phillips & Michelle Higgins** are students in Applied Human Nutrition who are interested in wellbeing and nutrition for all age groups. While working at NSCECE they had an opportunity to learn about the early years and consider the needs of young children in group care settings.

**January 27, 2015**

## "Every picture speaks a thousand words" ~ If we look closely!

In this workshop we will look closely at photographs of children *in action*. Many of us take photos of children playing, some are used in documentation and portfolios, others pile up, ignored and neglected. Even the ones used 'productively' need closer scrutiny: is this about 'Amy playing dolls' or is it about more? We will study photographs closely, unlocking the messages they can give us and considering how we can respond to these messages. PLEASE bring one or a series of play photos that you have parental permission to work with and share.

**Elizabeth Hicks** has been working in child care for over 25 years. She currently works as an independent consultant and supports early childhood practitioners in thinking about their programs and their goals for children.

**February 3, 2015**

## Winter Wonderland

As a child growing up in her native Scotland, Bernadette cannot recall a season when "going out to play" was not an option. A recent visit back to a nature kindergarten in Scotland inspired this workshop which will explore the stepping stones and stumbling blocks to outside play in the winter months in Nova Scotia. Come and learn the benefits that abound for everyone when they are outside.

**Bernadette Fegan**, founder of *MIND Early Childhood Development Consultancy*, has over twenty five years experience in early childhood development, education and care in different countries. Bernadette mentors ECEs in the field and focuses her work on language and literacy, and promoting outdoor play.

**February 10, 2015**

## Shared Environments, Shared Lives: Wellbeing in the Early Years

Participants will engage in a conversation about the elements of wellbeing and how it can be fostered and promoted in early learning and care programs. Our work environments are child learning environments. We spend many hours together each week. Can children experience wellbeing if the adults who are caring for them don't? Can adults experience wellbeing if the children they are caring for don't? Perhaps our wellbeing is a shared and mutual experience. If this is accepted, what does it mean for how we plan and organize our days together?

**Lisa Davies** has been working with children and families in not-for-profit agencies and government for over 20 years. Lisa was a full-time faculty member at the Nova Scotia College of Early Childhood Education and is currently the Director of the Dartmouth Child Development Centre.

**February 17, 2015**

**Tuesday workshops are \$40. Resource Centre professional members receive a \$5 discount. The College will accept in-person debit or credit card payments, and cash or cheques. Fees are non-refundable. A workshop voucher will be issued if the College is notified of cancellation a minimum of 7 days before the scheduled workshop date. Non-attendance does not constitute cancellation. To subscribe to the newsletter and receive workshop information follow the subscription link at [www.nscece.ca](http://www.nscece.ca).**

**Registration is only accepted with a payment. Write down the date and title of the workshop(s) you wish to attend, and forward with payment to NSCECE. You will be notified if your workshop is full or is cancelled for any reason.**

To register, forward payment of \$40 per workshop to:

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### **On Being a Friend: Friendships in Early Childhood**

Young children seem to make friends so easily that we can take their natural disposition to make friends for granted. In reality some children struggle. Participants will explore the dynamics of friendship and belonging in early years classrooms and examine the factors that contribute to friendly behaviour and peer competence. We'll discuss how ECEs can promote friendships between children and help children develop the skills they will need to navigate the inevitable bumps along the road. We'll also identify the kinds of conflicts that might promote resilience and problem solving and the kinds that might be damaging for the excluded child.

**Carrie Melsom** is the Coordinator of the NSCECE Early Childhood Educator Resource Centre. Her career in early childhood education started in 1986. She has an ECE Diploma and a Certificate in Adult Education. She worked for many years in inclusive classrooms and marvels at the acceptance of children when friendliness is fostered and supported.  
**February 24, 2015**

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### **Articulation Workshop**

Have you ever had difficulty understanding children in your classroom. How clear should their speech be at age 3, 4 and 5? Come to this workshop to learn about the differences between a speech delay versus a language delay, production and expectation of sounds at different ages, and how to coach and model for a speech delay. You will learn when to make a referral to NSHSC and how to discuss this issue with parents.

**Brenda MacKay** is a speech-language pathologist with NS Hearing and Speech. She consults in classrooms with children who have communication challenges. **Krista Wardrope** is a communication technician with NS Hearing and Speech. She works with children with a variety of communications disorders.  
**March 3, 2015**

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### **Enjoy the Winter Indoors: Rough & Tumble Play for Preschoolers**

Winter being what it is there are occasional days when it is just not possible to get outside. It is easy to see when children need an opportunity to move. Their behaviour, energy and mood makes this need obvious. There is more jostling, conflict and tears and children who are normally able to focus and engage in purposeful play, can't. There are ways to offer preschool children the big body rough & tumble play they crave, even indoors. Come and engage in a lively conversation about how to safely and appropriately meet these needs indoors.

**Julie St. Pierre M.Sc.S-LP(C)** is a speech-language pathologist and owner of Stillwater Speech Therapy. She has a background in Child and Youth Study and has worked over 10 years with families and early childhood educators. Julie also teaches part time in the Child and Youth Studies Department at MSVU.  
**March 10, 2015**

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### **What are Floor Books and Talking Tubs?**

Claire Warden (founder and inspirational speaker on Nature Kindergartens in Scotland) visited Halifax in 2012 and presented at the NSCCA Conference. She introduced us to the idea of "floor books" and "talking tubs". These ideas were so intriguing to some educators that they began using them with children - with huge success. They offer an interactive way to learn about and document children's ideas, thoughts and reflections. As practices they are simple and hands on. Come explore with us and find out more about these interesting techniques.

**Elizabeth Hicks** is a veteran ECE working with educators in childcare in HRM and beyond! **Cheryl Miller** is a trained veteran in ECE who is working with preschoolers and using floor books at Point Pleasant Child Care Centre.

**March 24, 2015**

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### **Open-Ended Toddler Experiences (REPEAT)**

Toddlers learn by exploring the things they seek to understand and then exploring over and over again. Toddler classrooms function better when teachers keep activities open-ended and relevant to toddler interests and developmental impulses. Anyone who has spent an hour prepping a craft and then watched toddlers smear the glue without touching the shapes they were supposed to use to make "their bear" has bumped up against this reality. Come explore appropriate open-ended activities that have been designed with toddlers in mind.

**Debbie Thompson** is an MSVU Child Studies graduate. She is currently working as an EIBI Program Implementer for the IWK. Debbie has offered many upbeat and energetic workshops at NSCECE over the years.

**March 31, 2015**

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### **Make New Words Sparkle to Build Vocabulary (REPEAT)**

Research indicates children with good strong vocabulary develop strong literacy skills as they get older. Teaching vocabulary in the early years is very important. This workshop will discuss the role ECEs play in helping children learn new words and how to select the right words to highlight to build vocabulary. Children's books will be used to teach ways to build vocabulary. This workshop is intended for ECEs who work with children 3-5 years of age.

**Brenda MacKay** is a speech-language pathologist with Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centres. She is a trainer for the Hanen program and has worked in early childhood classrooms for over 15 years. She currently consults in classrooms with children who have communication challenges.  
**April 7, 2015**

"I loved the sharing of ideas, the new ways of looking at things, and the new ideas to and try in our centre. It was a great workshop. Thanks."




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# 2015 Saturday Winter Workshops

Workshops are held Saturdays from 9:00—Noon; 1:00—4:00 PM; or 9:00—3:30 PM at NSCECE, 6208 Quinpool Road, 2nd Floor Halifax (unless otherwise specified)\*\*



 **Saturday, February 28**  
**9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**  
**\$80.00**

## Building Secure Attachments

*This workshop will focus on the important role attachment plays in child development. Participants will explore attachment theory, how attachments are formed, and the effects of insecure attachment on development and future relationships. Participants will be reminded of the importance of sensitively and appropriately responding to children's needs while also exploring interventions that can be used in the early childhood classroom to help the children we work with.*

**Presenter:** Leah Doiron (Quilty), MA CYC, works for Eskasoni and manages the FAS program. Leah provides in-home intervention to children at-risk or diagnosed with developmental delay, and educates parents, caregivers, early childhood educators, and teachers about the effects that prenatal exposure to alcohol can have on development, learning, social skills and behaviour.



**Saturday, February 28**  
**9:00 AM – Noon**  
**\$45.00**  
**(materials included)**




### EXPANDING ON ART: Deepening art exploration with children

*Do you find yourself a loss when it comes to exploring art with children? Are you unsure of what art should be? Do you feel as if you do not know enough about art, or have enough skill, to work with children beyond the usual drawing and painting? If so this workshop is for you. Come in to be part of a hands on exploration to open your eyes to art. Explore your inner artist and find new ways to be inspired, so you in turn can inspire your children.*

**Presenter:** Jennifer Solomon (ECE) is a toddler teacher at Jubilee Road Child Care. She uses an emergent approach to curriculum planning and enjoys making art with children. She has offered a number of workshops for NSCECE over the past few years.



 **Saturday, February 28**  
**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
**\$40.00**

## Positive Teamwork and Communication

*Multi-disciplinary teaming is common in early childhood education. We work with a variety of personalities and at times it is challenging to make effective decisions. This workshop focuses on teaming and positive communication. During the session participants will focus on their own personalities and how they can effect communication. Participants will also reflect on their communication skills. Techniques and strategies on effective communication and conflict resolution will be discussed.*

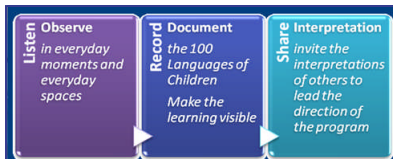
**Presenters:** Debbie Thompson is an MSVU Child Studies graduate. She is currently working as an EIBI Program Implementer for the IWK. Debbie has offered upbeat and energetic workshops at NSCECE for many years.

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## Documenting Outdoor Play

*How do we know what children are learning outside? How can we support parents in understanding the importance of outdoor play? Pedagogical documentation will be introduced as a tool for understanding children's capabilities, interests, engagements, learning styles, thought processes, and needs during outdoor play, educating parents and families on children's outdoor play, and inviting parents and families as partners in children's outdoor play. Different types of outdoor play pedagogical documentations will be shared and discussed.*

 **Saturday, March 28**  
**9:00 AM – Noon**  
**\$40.00**

**Presenter:** Bora Kim holds a BA in Early Childhood Education and she is pursuing her Masters in the Child and Youth Study program at Mount Saint Vincent University. She has experience as a research assistant, a lead researcher, and an early childhood educator. Bora recognizes the importance of pedagogical documentation as a tool for listening to children's voices, providing stimulating environments for children, and increasing the quality of children's outdoor play.



### Responding to the Stimulating and Lively Minds of Infants

*What is infant play? How do they express their interests? How does your environment help to stimulate and respond to their interests? What is your role - is silence golden? Three currently practicing infant teachers want to share their wisdom with you.*


**Saturday,**  
**March 28**  
**9:00 AM – Noon**  
**\$40.00**

**Presenters:** Tina Murphy Hannem (ECE) has 15+ years in the field. Dawn G erin (ECE) has worked in childcare for 25 years with various ages. Christina MacHardy (ECE) has been teaching for 24 years. They currently work together in the infant program at Point Pleasant Child Care Centre.



### Play Skills and the Child with Autism

*This workshop will focus on the unique nature and differences in children with autism and their development of play skills. Participants will leave with practical strategies on how to support children on the autism spectrum in play environments and how to scaffold and program for realistic outcomes in this area. Strategies will include information in associative play, and facilitating cooperative play with peers. As always, Crystal's workshop will include lots of lively discussion and opportunities for collegial interaction and planning.*

 **Saturday,**  
**March 28**  
**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
**\$40.00**  
**Re-offered:**  
**Saturday,**  
**April 25**  
**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Presenter:** Crystal Harms (M.ED) As the founder of Paths to Learning, Crystal creates, implements and closely follows each client's unique programming, progress, and development. She became a Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst in 1997.

## Look for the workshop symbol

The college offers a wide variety of workshops each year to help meet the diverse professional development needs of people working in early learning and child care settings. It is our belief that people at different stages of their career look for different types of professional development opportunities and are interested in different types of conversations about their work. Look for these symbols on our workshop schedules to help you decide if a workshop fits your stage of development.



**Budding:** Just starting your career in early childhood education? These workshops are designed to meet your early needs and to prepare you for the challenges that lie ahead.



**Advancing:** Growing in your career? Past the basics? These workshops provide advanced training for maturing early childhood educators, which will reinvigorate you and motivate you to climb a little higher.



**Master:** These workshops are designed to challenge seasoned early childhood educators who have a rich background in ELCC. You'll dig deeper and find new and innovative information for your maturation and skill level.



**Something here for everyone.**

Of course, these symbols are just a guideline. We hope they are helpful to you as you make your choices. We look forward to your suggestions and feedback about our workshops to help us fine tune programming for the next term. Please call 902.423.7114 Ext.227 or e-mail resourcecentre@nscece.ca.



# NSCECE 2015 Winter Workshop Planner

Please use this planner to help organize your workshop registration. Where there are multiple participants for a workshop **please include full names on a separate sheet** that includes the workshop title. Registration is only accepted with a payment. The College will accept in-person debit or credit card payments, in addition to cash or cheques. PayPal is available on the website for on-line payments. Forward payment to: NSCECE, 6208 Quinpool Road, Halifax NS B3L 1A3. Inquiries: (902)423-7114 Ext. 233. Check [www.nscece.ca](http://www.nscece.ca) for updates about which workshops are full.

**No phone registrations accepted. Workshop fees are non-refundable. A voucher will be issued if the College is notified of cancellation a minimum of 7 days before the scheduled workshop date. Vouchers are redeemable for up to one year.**

Workshop	Presenter	Date	Cost	#Participants	Total Amount
<b>Focus: Curriculum</b>					
Expanding on Art	Jennifer Solomon	February 28 9:00 - Noon	\$45.00		
Enjoy the Winter Indoors: Rough & Tumble Play for Preschoolers	Julie St. Pierre	March 10 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
What are Floor Books and Talking Tubs?	Elizabeth Hicks and Cheryl Miller	March 24 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Make New Words Sparkle to Build Vocabulary	Brenda MacKay	April 7 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
<b>Focus: Preschool Care and Education</b>					
Troubleshooting Transitions	Carrie Melsom	January 20 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Enjoying Healthy Foods With Young Children	Megan Phillips & Michelle	January 27 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Winter Wonderland!	Bernadette Fegan	February 10 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
On Being a Friend	Carrie Melsom	February 24 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
<b>Focus: Observation and Behaviour Guidance</b>					
Every Picture Speaks 1000 Words	Elizabeth Hicks	February 3 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Documenting Outdoor Play	Bora Kim	March 28 9:00 - Noon	\$40.00		



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# NSCECE 2015 Winter Workshop Planner

## 2015 Winter Evening Courses:

- ECE 101 Child Growth and Development Wednesdays/Thursdays
- ECE 320 Emergent Literacy Wednesdays
- ECE 330 Professionalism and Advocacy Tuesdays/Thursday

Inquiries (902) 423-7114 or [info@nscece.ca](mailto:info@nscece.ca) Visit [www.nscece.ca](http://www.nscece.ca) for more details

Workshop	Presenter	Date	Cost	#Participants	Total Amount
<i>Focus: Infant &amp; Toddler Care</i>					
Building Secure Attachments	Leah Doiron	February 28 9:00 - 3:30 PM	\$80.00		
Responding to the Stimulating and Lively Minds of Infants	Christina MacHardy, Tina Murphy Hannem, Dawn Gérin,	March 28 9:00 - Noon	\$40.00		
Open-Ended Toddler Experiences	Debbie Thompson	March 31 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
<i>Focus: Diversity and Inclusion</i>					
Articulation Workshop	Brenda MacKay & Krista Wardrope	March 3 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Play Skills and the Child With Autism	Crystal Harms	March 28 1:00 - 4:00 PM	\$40.00		
Play Skills and the Child With Autism (Repeat)	Crystal Harms	April 25 1:00 - 4:00 PM	\$40.00		
<i>Focus: Becoming a Professional</i>					
Shared Environments, Shared Lives	Lisa Davies	February 17 7:00 - 9:00 PM	\$40.00		
Teamwork & Communication	Debbie Thompson	February 28 1:00 - 4:00 PM	\$40.00		

## NSCECE ANNUAL JOB FAIR

**NSCECE will host its annual Job Fair on Wednesday, January 28, 3:30—5:30 at 6208 Quinpool Road, Halifax.**

*This is a unique recruiting possibility and a wonderful opportunity to meet our first and second year students. NSCECE expects to graduate over 40 students in May 2015. Students are looking forward to sharing their resumes and getting a chance to find out more about your program.*

**Contact Barbara Rowe 902.423.7114.224**



**ALL TOGETHER NOW!**

### Inclusion Support Group

*We meet 9:00—11:00 AM on the last Monday of each month at NSCECE. Join colleagues for facilitated discussion about issues relating to inclusive early learning programs. Share strategies, insights, and challenges as part of a learning community.*

**Call Carrie Melsom 902.423.7114.227**