

Registration Guide

2007 Umbrella Annual Conference

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QUALITY CHILD CARE IS NOT A LUXURY ITEM

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Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute,
3663 Danforth Ave, Scarborough



Conference hosted by
Umbrella Central Day Care Services Inc.

Keynote Speaker

"High-quality child care is not a luxury option" is the theme of this year's conference. It stems from a recent article in the *UmbrellaNEWS* with the same title which generated enormous discussion and comment. We will enclose the article in our Conference Welcome Book.

The article states that we may be able to forego luxury options when buying a car - deciding against cruise control or an expensive stereo system. A "stripped down" model of a car may get us safely from place to place, but a "stripped down" model of child care and education means that children's learning and development will be compromised. Our governments should be aware that "option packages" do not exist when it comes to a high-quality early childhood education.

Gary Direnfeld is this year's keynote speaker. He is an expert on child development, parent-child relations, marital and family therapy, custody and access recommendations, and social work. But he is also a passionate advocate for child care in Canada. Gary argues that it is the frontline service provider who is best poised to present the merits of daycare to the Canadian public and raise the issue on the political agenda.

Gary believes we must "Learn from the past, cherish the present and advocate for the future!"

The keynote address will be given at 9:00 A.M. Don't miss it.



Gary Direnfeld

Morning Workshops 10:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

M-1 Getting the Best of Both: Combining Theme Based Programming with Emergent Curriculum in the Classroom

This workshop will discuss both theme based programming and emergent curriculum. Participants will find out how they can still program with themes but incorporate ideas that emerge from them.

Lori Foreht is the Supervisor of Wychwood Tigers Daycare. She has a degree in Psychology. Florence Kirchner is Assistant Supervisor of Wychwood Tigers Daycare and holds a degree in Sociology.

M-2 Music and Movement

Music provides a means of connection, through a level playing field, for children of varying developmental abilities. Gaining new ideas to implement with the children is one of the targets for this workshop. Together, we will also look at a variety of skills that are 'taught' through the use of music and/or movement for young children. So get ready to hop, bop, and have a blast while learning some new ideas!

Elaine Winick is a community Early Learning Consultant, as well as part-time faculty at Seneca College. She continues to develop ways to see the connection between early development and interactive, self-motivated learning. Elaine also believes that ongoing professional development is vital to the success of a quality early learning environment.

M-3 Effective Financial Administration

This workshop will help you: prepare an effective budget for your child care centre; identify key internal controls to make sure resources are used efficiently and effectively; understand reporting to Boards of Directors - what to report and how often; and clarify the

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