

2008 Umbrella Annual Conference

Birchmount Collegiate Institute
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Conference hosted by
Umbrella Central Day Care

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"The 4 Crucial C's Every Child Needs"

"Children everywhere have the same basic needs that must be fulfilled in order to develop a positive self-esteem and to build relationships that are cooperative, caring, and respectful. Fulfilling these needs creates the foundations for constructive social living and mental well-being." Teachers and Caregivers are no different! Discover how to get "C positive".



Alyson Schäfer is this year's keynote speaker. She is a psychotherapist, best selling author of "*Breaking the Good Mom Myth*" and host of TV's *The Parenting Show*. She teaches child guidance workshops working with parents one-on-one in her parent coaching practice.

Alyson is a consultant and conducts training sessions, workshops and presentations for staff and parent council groups across the GTA and beyond. She is called on regularly by the media as a child guidance and discipline expert and has appeared on such notable shows as the Montel Williams Show, TVO's *Agenda* and *Health on The Line*, to name a few. Interviews with Alyson appear in *Cosmopolitan*, *Reader's Digest*, *Today's Parent*, *Canadian Living*, *Chatelaine*, *Canadian Family* and others.

All of her work is based on the teachings of the humanist psychiatrist Alfred Adler. She is a third generation Adlerian herself. Her father and grandmother were co-founders of the Alfred Adler Institute of Ontario, the precursor to the Adler School of Ontario where Alyson holds her Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology.

In addition to her formal clinical training and years of teaching experience in an Adlerian Nursery School, Alyson continues to learn about life with children as she and her husband Ken raise their own two girls (12 and 13). They live in a small hamlet in the country north of Toronto.

MORNING WORKSHOPS 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

M-1 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 understand the audit process and maximize value from your audit.

Brendan Pennylegion is a sole practitioner who also works with Cowperthwaite Mehta, Chartered Accountants. He specializes primarily in providing financial management, auditing and tax services and advice to service based not-for-profit organizations in the Greater Toronto Area.

M-2 INTEGRATING "MULTISENSORY MATERIALS" INTO YOUR EARLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Learn effective techniques to integrate multisensory materials into classrooms. Participants will create kits to enhance their learning environments in the areas of language, arithmetic and the sciences through the use of sensory-motor activities. This workshop will provide opportunities for creating materials that can be effectively and easily integrated into early learning environments.

Charlene Abrahams is an internationally certified teacher trainer and consultant. She facilitates professional development and parent workshops in the areas of stress management, communication and integration of children with special needs.

M-3 DRAMATIC PLAY: STORYTELLING

This interactive workshop will explore the ways that stories can be brought to life using dramatic play. From dramatic live action stories to reading from picture books, participants will learn dramatic conventions to create atmosphere, create a character, make a character express itself, view from the outside, and retell the story in a different way. Participants will learn how to adapt activities to promote literacy and oral communication. Can be adapted for all ages.

Theatre Peace is a not-for-profit educational theatre company that offers workshops, performances, after-school, in school, and summer programs to schools, community groups, and organizations. Christina Akrong is the Founder of Theatre Peace.

REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!!

MORNING WORKSHOPS (cont'd)

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

M-4 PRE-SCHOOL PRIORITIES – “DISCOVER LEARNING CIRCLE”

“Learning circle” can be the most intimidating of tasks. Come laugh and discover how to implement the skills you need to plan daily interactive and informative learning. For Frontline Preschool teachers. Each participant receives a handout of info/resources.

Gail Armstrong–ECE, C–Supervisor/Teacher/Coach with 24 years experience, has facilitated many workshops for front-line staff and parents. Learn, laugh and invigorate your teaching style with tangible, hands on ideas you can take back and use in your classroom.

M-5 DYNAMIX - TEAMBUILDING WITH A TWIST

Bringing teamwork into your centre will create an environment with more FUN and less conflict. Join us for the 'Dynamix: Teambuilding with a twist!' workshop to play and learn some fun, hands-on, interactive, and teambuilding games that the children of your centre will want to play over and over again!

Dynamix offers unique, innovative and exciting teambuilding programs to child cares, schools and camps. All programs are extremely hands-on and interactive, always focusing on teamwork, sportsmanship and other team-oriented concepts.

M-6 DOLLAR STORE PROGRAMMING

See how to take everyday dollar store products and change them into wonderful programming ideas. Each participant will leave the workshop with a programming product. The target age group is for Preschool, Kindergarten.

Lisa Whitney has been working within a children’s mental health organization as an ECE for 8 years. She also has worked as a Behaviour Management Specialist in an Autism classroom: focusing on functional life skills and adapting the curriculum for successful integration. Her resource company provides interactive workshops using everyday dollar store products to create wonderful programming ideas.

DOREEN EVELYN AWARD

One \$500.00 award per year is given to a person who is an asset to the child care field in order to continue their professional development as an Early Childhood Educator. See page 7 for nomination form.

M-7 CLASSROOM PROGRAM PLAN

In this hands-on workshop, we will enhance your preschool and school-age program to meet the individual needs, interests, abilities and strengths of each child in your classroom. The suggestions, ideas, games and activities will: foster a sense of autonomy by enduring flexibility and choices within limits; provide a language-rich environment that encourages communication through positive interactions; encourage children’s feelings of competence by giving them opportunities to experiment and problem solve; provide a supportive environment in which children can develop their skills, talents, and interests; and stimulate the children’s physical, emotional, intellectual and social growth.

Pasquale Fulginiti is an Early Childhood and Parent Educator and author of a book called Kidstuff. Kidstuff Parenting Seminars have been featured by Toronto media outlets like CITY-TV Breakfast Television, CTV Canada AM, The Toronto Star, and CFRB radio, and on websites like familylink.ca, family-source.ca. and www.kidstuffseminars.com

M-8 OFF THE BOARD

This workshop takes traditional board games that most children and staff are familiar with and turns them into large field games that a whole group can play at one time. Titles include: Clue, Flyer Bingo, Stratego, Battleship, Head Bands and much more. Plan to be physically active in this very “hands on” workshop!

Marcus Niebler has a background in both outdoor Recreation Leadership and Early Childhood Education. He is the founder of Planaquarium - a mobile Planetarium company.

M-9 BUILDING EMERGENT CURRICULUM - THE FIRST STEPS

Early Childhood Educators use a variety of methods to document learning and determine how to plan and adapt curriculum for individuals and the group. Documentation and its benefits will be introduced through a visual presentation. Documentation panels will be examined as one practical example of documentation. This workshop will include a demonstration of how to construct a documentation panel and participants will gain hands on experience at creating a documentation panel in small groups.

Nelson Hillier has been teaching in the field for 20 years. He has worked in Kindergarten programs both in elementary schools and childcare centres and has been a manager for a number of years. Nelson has been an Early childhood teacher at the George Brown College Lab Schools where he is currently a Manager as well

MORNING WORKSHOPS (cont'd)

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

M-10 "THEY CAN BE SO RUDE!" – DEALING WITH RUDENESS AND DISRESPECT IN SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN – PART 1

FULL DAY WORKSHOP This workshop is designed to give strategies for managing rudeness and disrespect with older school age children, and provide the participants an opportunity for developing an action plan to implement in their classrooms the next day.

Please note: These strategies are geared for children from the ages of 9-12. Participants should be staff working with these age groups. This workshop is based on research and information developed through the Triple P program for managing the behaviour of adolescent children.

Shawna Lee, ECE.C,IP is a Children's Mental Health Consultant as well as a Child Care Program Supervisor for Kinark Child and Family Services. She leads several behaviour management courses for parents and staff.

M-11 CONFIDENTIALITY MATTERS – MANAGING IN A TECHNICAL WORLD

What does Facebook, MySpace, blogging, and text messaging have to do with how we manage our teams? The popularity of these electronic information-sharing vehicles has made it difficult for organizations to manage the accuracy and content of the information being shared and difficult to ensure that they are meeting their legal and ethical responsibility to protect privacy. This interactive workshop will look at how technology affects our business practices, how to ensure that we can market the best we have to offer and still maintain the desired level of confidentiality and what steps we need to take to develop a realistic and workable confidentiality policy.

Joy Lerman has worked as a facilitator trainer for over 15 years. Joy provides workshops for professional staff, Boards of Directors, and families. Her interactive style provides workshops that are creative, dynamic, and energetic.

Group Discounts

Register five staff, directors or parents from the same centre for the conference and a sixth comes free!!

Free registration given on a lesser fee, if applicable. If applying for a group discount, please send all forms and all fees in the same envelope together.

M-12 SIGN LANGUAGE FOR INFANTS TO KINDERGARTEN

Come and uncover the benefits of Sign Language for hearing children. Discover fun and interactive ways to incorporate Sign Language in your Child Care program. By learning signed words and the alphabet, you will discover how Sign Language can improve hearing children's listening, attention, language, and fine-motor development. Participants will explore how to incorporate Sign Language throughout their programs such as circle, transitions, and learning experiences. You will actively learn signs for familiar songs and games. This workshop will give you a foundation to further develop your sign vocabulary. Participants will also receive resources to take away at the end of the workshop.

Karen Monaghan's passion for teaching young children and her interests have led her to pursue a degree in Drama in Education, an ECE diploma, and training in Sign Language and puppetry. She has been in the field for 8 years as frontline staff and supervisor.

M-13 ACTIVE GAMES FOR ALL AGES

Participants will be introduced to simple, fun games for a variety of age groups (2-12) that will boost children's self-esteem and stimulate their creative growth. **Bring your gym shoes** and get ready to participate in this energetic, fun workshop.

Andy Cummings is a facilitator for Let's Play Activities. He provides hands-on workshops for centres and has developed programs for special needs children.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 1, 2008

8:00 Registration, refreshments

9:00 **Keynote Address**

10:00 Break

10:15 *Morning Workshops*

12:15 First Lunch

1:00 Second Lunch

2:00 *Afternoon Workshops*

4:00 Umbrella Annual General Meeting

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A-1 KIDSTUFF

This workshop, based on Pasquale Fulginiti's book, *Kidstuff: How Positive Discipline Works Throughout Children's Lives* will look at strategies and insights that will help you enhance your teaching skills and styles and show you how to maintain your sanity in the classroom, and have fun at the same time! Enjoy stories, anecdotes and interactive hands-on learning experiences as you gain practical tools that bring out the best in you as a teacher and your students.

Pasquale Fulginiti is an Early Childhood and Parent Educator and author of a book called *Kidstuff*. *Kidstuff* Parenting Seminars have been featured by many Toronto media outlets.

A-2 A SIMPLE APPROACH TO PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE

This workshop will address the CAN/CSA-Z614-2007 Standard for Children's Playspaces and Equipment. In addition we will address simple maintenance and inspection procedures associated with playgrounds, and provide an overview of optional methods of creating activities for children at play.

John Zandarin is a Canadian Certified Playground inspector with 32 years of experience in the Parks and Recreation field primarily as a Sr. Manager. He currently owns and operates **PICS** Playscape Inspection & Consulting Inc.

A-3 DRAMATIC PLAY: STORYTELLING

Same as morning workshop M-3

A-4 COOL SCIENCE FOR CURIOUS KIDS!

Bring science back to your program in a fun and hands on learning environment. Enhance the child's sensory development though making predictions, experimentation and conclusions part of your everyday experience. Come and join us in this interactive workshop where you will leave with tons of ideas and resources.

Heather Gallagher is an ECE. She has worked at Cardinal Leger Child Care Centre in the school age program for over 7 years.

Stacey Davidson is an ECE with experience in all age groups throughout her 8 years of working at Cardinal Leger Child Care Centre.

A-5 DYNAMIX - TEAMBUILDING WITH A TWIST

Same as morning workshop M-5

A-6 DOLLAR STORE PROGRAMMING

Same as morning workshop M-6

A-7 CIRCLE BOXES

Does this sound familiar?? Circle time is 1 minute, you walk over to the cupboard with the rotating books/games/toys and you pull out the same thing you pulled out 2 days ago. You begin your circle, with the same song, some children sing along, and the rest are jumping on top of each other. So you use your loud serious teacher voice and say, "If you don't sit down right now you will have to leave my circle!"

This workshop is geared to toddlers, preschoolers and JK/SK. Participants will leave knowing how to create a "Circle Box" and present a fun and interactive Circle. *Lots of handouts!*

Silvana Caccamo, is Assistant Director at McMurrich Sprouts Day Care Centre.

Margaret Malinais is a Resource Consultant at Centennial Infant Child Centre.

A-8 "BIG DEAL"

Participants will go through the progression of rules, terms and how to program fun using a deck of cards and cover 10 to 15 card games including: Boing, Donut Hole, Clock, Michigan Rummy and more. With a deck of cards you can plan a full week of summer programming! Low energy workshop with many great games.

Marcus Niebler is an avid game player; he has been playing euchre since he was six years old. Give him a deck of cards and he will give you a week of summer planning!

A-9 ADAPTATIONS FOR THE LEARNING DIFFERENT CHILD

This workshop will introduce alternative and adaptive techniques to use with learning different children. Solutions for children with Language Disorders, ADD and Autism will be presented.

Professionals looking for support and resources for working with learning different children will benefit from participation in this workshop.

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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS (cont'd)

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A-10 "THEY CAN BE SO RUDE!" – DEALING WITH RUDENESS AND DISRESPECT IN SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN – PART 2 - FULL DAY WORKSHOP
Same as morning workshop M-10

A-11 CONFIDENTIALITY MATTERS – MANAGING IN A TECHNICAL WORLD
Same as morning workshop M-11

A-12 GAMES, GAMES AND MORE GAMES FOR DAYCARES AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

This workshop will cover low organized games, games within the games and adapted sport games to meet the specific needs of daycares and after-school programs. Concepts and a list of all the games with progressions will be presented and provided. The goal is to maximize participation, teach skills, build confidence and develop a healthy active lifestyle. **Mike Perozak** is Head Coach, Director and founder of Sportplay. Mike has extensive experience with children in athletic, educational and social service settings. He is also a Certified Personal Trainer and fitness Consultant. Sportplay offers programs for 2 – 12 year old boys and girls in a fun, positive and supportive environment and currently serves many daycares and schools in the GTA.

FUN FEATURES

Silent Auction

Each year we hold a silent auction to raise funds to enhance our services - typically we purchase items to add to the resource library. Be sure to bring some cash or your chequebook so you can bid on the many exciting silent auction items. Always lots of fun!

Door Prizes

Draws will be held during lunch for the many prizes generously donated by suppliers to the child care community. Your lunch ticket may have a winning number!

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

In addition to the great opportunities for networking with colleagues, you'll be able to visit with many service providers, talk with company representatives and discover new products.

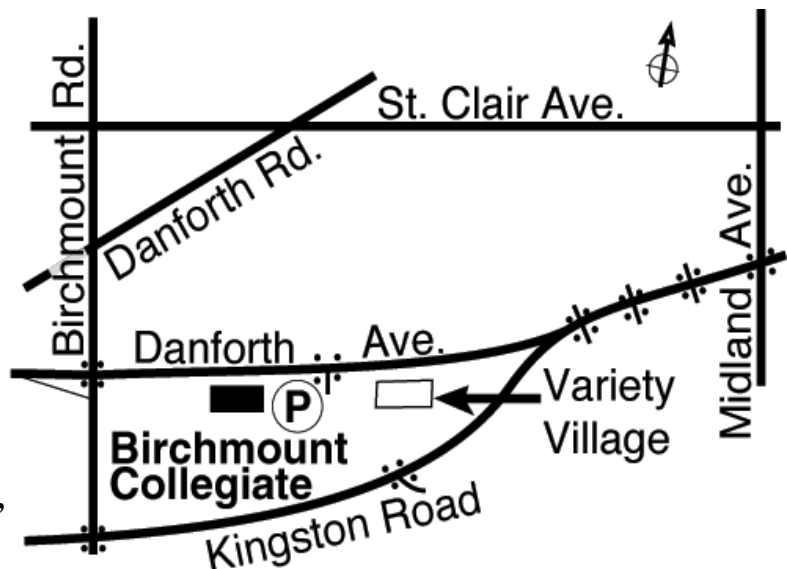
Conference Location

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Free parking at school - arrive early to ensure a spot!!!

TTC (416-393-4636) Ride Cliffside 20 from Main Station to Danforth and Birchmount; walk 200 metres east.

TTC. Ride Warden South 69 from Warden Station to Danforth and Birchmount, walk 200 metres east.





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Central Day Care Services

Doreen Evelyn Award Criteria

The Doreen Evelyn Award is given in honour of Doreen's inspiration to the Early Childhood Education field. An annual award of \$500.00 will be presented to an ECE currently employed in an Umbrella member centre.

Deadline for submission is February 1st, 2008. The recipient will be announced at the 2008 Annual Umbrella conference.

Nominations Procedure

A nomination for this award must be made by a Board member, Director or staff of an Umbrella member centre.

Letters of Nomination must include:

- Information about the nominee in areas of professional development, years of dedication and their commitment to the field.
- The nominee's full name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail
- The nominator's name, address, centre name and telephone numbers, e-mail

In one page or less please describe the nominee's current and past involvement in the child care field and address how the nominee meets and/ or exceeds the criteria below.

1. The nominee must demonstrate continuing education through attendance in workshops, seminars, conferences, and any course related to the field of Early Childhood Education
2. The nominee must demonstrate professionalism and recognize the importance of team work and must demonstrate the skills necessary to do so
3. Identify ways that the nominee demonstrates community involvement.

Umbrella Central Daycare Services is offering one \$500.00 award per year to a person who is an asset to the child care field in order to continue their professional development as an Early Childhood Educator.

The Selection Committee will be comprised of members of the Umbrella Board of Directors.

Submit nominations to:

Nominating Committee
Doreen Evelyn Award
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Registration Information

Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Early Bird Special ends February 15, 2008.

REGISTER EARLY to get the workshops of your choice and avoid disappointment.

Priority is given to fully-paid registrations. If a receipt is required, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Please use one form for each person.

No confirmation of your registration will be sent. When you arrive at the Conference, check in at the registration desk to receive your registration package.

Registrations **ARE** transferable. If you must cancel your registration, submit a written request to Umbrella by February 15, 2008 and include the name of the replacement person.

No refunds will be issued after the February 15, 2008 deadline.

FEATURES

Over 20 workshops to choose from!

Keynote Speaker

Networking Opportunities

Exhibits

Door Prizes

Childcare Resources

Silent Auction

.... and much more!

About Umbrella

Umbrella Central Day Care Services is an innovative, non-profit, charitable corporation that assists the child care community in offering quality programs for children.

Umbrella provides support to all child care professionals through resources, research, education and networking.

The face of child care is changing at a rapid pace and Umbrella has worked hard to meet the needs of the child care profession in these challenging times. We continue to provide essential services, current information, affordable professional development, and a resource centre which serves the entire child care community.

We provide networking events and various training opportunities as we host workshops and conferences. We are sensitive to the needs of our members, and offer many services. See our list below. We also operate 7 child care centres in Durham Region.

View our website at www.umbrelladaycare.com

Umbrella Initiatives and Services (selected)

Curriculum Kits	Colour Copying Service
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See you at the Conference

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