

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

CHRIS CUMMINS

Chris Cummins is this year's keynote speaker. He is the author of the soon-to-be-released "Get Your Motor Running - 10 steps to getting your life on the Superhighway." Chris has inspired and entertained more than 10,000 people across Canada in the last 3 years. He will take you on an awesome journey through the highs of laughter and the profound depths of self discovery.



As a father of two year old Charles and 6 month old Sarah, Chris has watched ECE professionals perform magic with his children. Picture two new parents like deer in headlights. Picture yourself building their child's self esteem and reassuring the parents. Experience the love you pour into their children in your care as it comes back to you ten-fold.

Never underestimate the impact that you have in shaping tomorrow's society through our young people. Don't miss this keynote - be inspired, re-energized and re-ignited!

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7, 2009

- 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

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

M-1 MAKING SCIENCE CHILD'S PLAY

Research shows that children learn through play. Discover how you can support learning in young children by providing them with a variety of different play-based science opportunities. Participants will explore the roles of both the child and the educator in play-based learning by engaging in hands-on activities that exemplify different types of play.

Mary Quinn is an Education Specialist with Let's Talk Science and is one of the lead writers of the Wings of Discovery Early Years Program. She has worked in many ECE settings and is experienced in developing and implementing science-related programs for young children.

M-2 OPEN YOUR DOORS TO A MORE PEACEFUL CLASSROOM – (Observe, Plan, Evaluate and Nurture)

This workshop looks at each of these key aspects when dealing with high-risk situations in the classrooms and increasing the more positive behaviors.

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 behavior management courses for parents and staff.

M-3 EFFECTIVE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

This workshop will cover:

- how to cope effectively with the financial implications of drops in enrolment
- financial implications of the introduction of full day early learning
- how to minimize the chance of fraud at your centre – indicators to watch out for
- pay equity – the way forward → maintenance and documentation requirements

There will also be a Q & A session covering areas of financial administration of interest to participants.

Bring your questions!

Phil Cowperthwaite specializes in financial management, auditing and tax services and advice in the not-for-profit childcare sector. He has over 20 years experience servicing childcare centres in the Greater Toronto area.

M-4 DOLLAR STORE PROGRAMMING

Discover how to make the most out of a limited budget and provide a quality program for young children.

Susan Morris is with the YMCA of Greater Toronto and presently with the Ontario Early Years Centres in York Region.

MORNING WORKSHOPS (cont'd)

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

M-5 READ, RHYME, SING AND PLAY

Early literacy is the child's growing awareness of oral and written language built on the foundation of nurturing relationships, beginning in infancy. In a fun, interactive workshop, participants will explore the building blocks that lead to a child's ability to read and write.

This includes a discussion of the following topics:

- the importance of nurturing relationships to optimal brain development
- oral language leading to literacy
- the importance of songs, rhymes and storytelling
- awareness of print
- sharing books with young children.

Paige Stirling Fox is an Early Literacy Specialist for the Ontario Early Years, York Region. She brings a rich background as a professional life coach and adult educator to this role. Paige is passionate about supporting parents, caregivers and professionals working with young children.

M-6 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.

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-7 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, concrete, informative learning. Learn, laugh and invigorate your teaching style with tangible, hands-on ideas you can take back and use in your classroom.

For frontline Preschool teachers – one handout of info/resources per participant.

Gail Armstrong – ECE.C., RT/EI – Teacher Therapist – Early Interventionist, Teacher/Coach with 24 years experience. Mom of 4, has facilitated many workshops for front-line staff and parents.

M-8 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 and 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-9 SUMMER CAMP PLANNING

We look at the aspects of full day school-age programming. Setting the tone, keeping momentum and maintaining staff morale will all be discussed. Take your summer to the next level!

Marcus Niebler has a background in both outdoor Recreation Leadership and Early Childhood Education.

M-10 DON'T TELL ANYONE BUT... MANAGING GOSSIP/GRIPEVINES

We all have them and it's hard to get rid of them, however we *can* learn to manage them. Workplace studies have shown that gossip is part of how people connect to each other. However, when it turns toxic or invades our teams the consequences can be devastating. Explore how to deal with gossipers and gossiping, how to incorporate "respectful behaviour" into our workplace. Bring along your worst stories as we work on situations and solutions. **Joy Lerman** is a well-known facilitator trainer. She provides creative, dynamic, and energetic workshops for professional staff, Boards of Directors, and families.



MORNING WORKSHOPS (cont'd)

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

M-11 LITTLE CHEFS

Do you avoid the kitchen when planning your activities for your group? Come and learn all the various ways to add cooking to your programming with or without the stove. In this workshop you will learn to add drama to your kitchen with props and fun in your cooking with creative new recipes and seasonal ideas. Come put the kitchen back in your centre.

Stacey Rammuno has been in the childcare field for 26 years. Her love of planning and implementing theme based programs has won her awards for summer programming.

M-12 WILL YOU HAVE SOME WHINE WITH THAT?

Once we have heard enough about the high initial cost of certification, what else do we hear most complaints about? Well, there isn't much we can do at present about salaries. What we can do is create a more positive work environment by addressing the concerns and complaints. We need to look at job descriptions and evaluations, performance expectations, "guidance", and a real effort for teamwork. This workshop will include resources, questionnaires, and open discussion about behaving like a "professional."

Pat Campbell is currently teaching courses in the E.C.E. undergrad program, and in the Daycare Management Certificate program at George Brown College. She runs a consulting firm, E.C.E. Caregiver. She believes passionately in the importance of well managed early childhood education programs and the importance of a sense of humour.

M-13 GAMES, GAMES AND MORE GAMES FOR DAYCARES AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

This workshop will show you how to adapt the major sports to increase participation, maximize inclusion and utilize challenging spaces in the day care environment. **Bring your gym shoes** and get ready to participate in this energetic, fun workshop.

Mike Perozak is Head Coach, Director and founder of Sportplay which 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.

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.

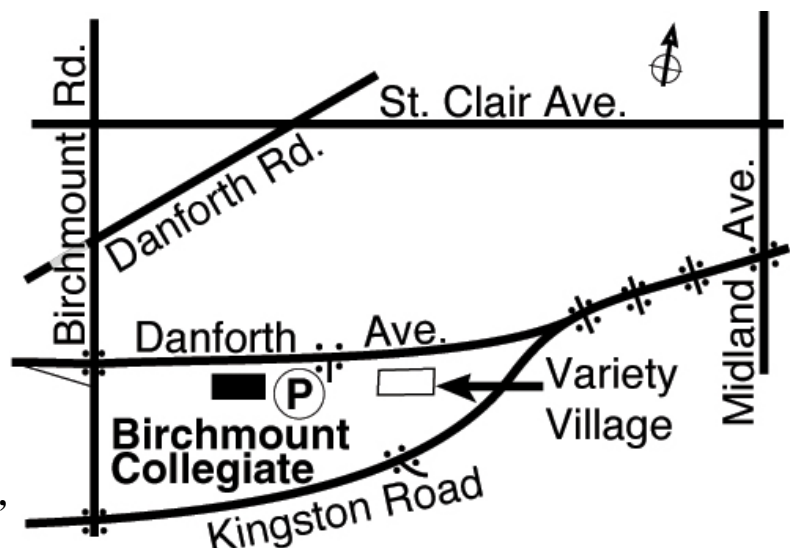
Conference Location

Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute
3663 Danforth Avenue
Scarborough, Ontario

Parking at the school is limited - arrive early to ensure a spot or take transit!!!

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.



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 DYNAMIX - CREATIVE PROGRAMMING - WITH A TWIST

The 'Dynamix' Creative Programming...with a twist!" workshop will undoubtedly equip you with new and exciting games to play with the children of your centre. If you are looking for new ideas or want to learn how to modify existing activities to make them even more exciting, then this is the workshop for you! This workshop will show you how to plan great events, even with limited supplies. It will be a fun session filled with laughs as the group comes together and bonds in a meaningful and enlightening way.

Dynamix offers unique, innovative and exciting team-building 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..

A-3 THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

Wouldn't it be great to draw? Most people see art as a daunting and formidable task and artists as those with a talent or gift. This workshop will break down the barriers of your preconceived notions. You will get excited, energized and confident as you learn to draw. Joel's six easy exercises will put you into a "right brain" mode of thinking that will enable you to tap into the half of your brain you never knew you had. All workshop supplies are provided.

Joel Zelikovitz is the Sales and Marketing Manager for the Palmer Group and also teaches creative expression classes for the George Brown College E.C.E department. His workshop is based on the book "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain."

A-4 EXPLORING SCIENCE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

The word "science" can elicit anxiety in many educators. By participating in this hands-on/minds-on workshop, learn the importance of implementing science activities with young children while discovering how easily these can be integrated into daily routines.

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A-5 COMMUNICATION - CLARIFYING EXPECTATIONS AND BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

This workshop will provide administrators and frontline staff with strategies to help maintain professional relationships with parents and other staff members. Specific techniques to improve communication and setting boundaries will be introduced. Written communication and interactive activities will be presented.

Charlene Abrahams is a certified teacher trainer and consultant. She facilitates workshops in the areas of stress management, communication and team building.

A-6 "OH NO - I'VE GOT THE SCHOOLAGERS FOR THE SUMMER!!"

Dreading the summer months with your school-age group? Keep them busy and interested this summer with "Theme Based Summer Programming." Pick a subject of interest and then ... enter another world with your school-agers. Participants in this workshop will learn how to create a summer experience for themselves and their charges. Learn how to create your classroom setting, plan and implement activities on a limited budget with limited resources. Make this a stress free summer to remember!

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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.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS (cont'd)

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

A-7 CREATING PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE AND PERSONAL PORTFOLIOS

Portfolios are an excellent tool to showcase your talents both as a professional and specialist in Early Childhood Education. Portfolios are great in promoting self evaluation and team work. They are especially important in making performance evaluations more meaningful to you and making you an equal partner in the process. Portfolios offer you the opportunity to be unique in highlighting and demonstrating your knowledge and skills. Making it easier to assess your success and growth through the year. Providing a means for reflection and self awareness in setting goals. Together, we will spend time exploring how to get started in working with portfolios, what types of samples and documentation we want in them.

Joy Lerman is a well-known facilitator trainer. She provides creative, dynamic, and energetic workshops for professional staff, Boards of Directors, and families.

A-8 THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH MY CHILD

This workshop focuses on assisting staff to understand the challenges that parents often have when confronted with difficult information about their child's development or behaviour.

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A-9 SIGN LANGUAGE FOR INFANTS TO KINDERGARTEN

Same as morning workshop M-8

A-10 GRRRReat TRANSITIONAL GAMES!!

Games are a great way of moving from one program component to the next. Games can make sure that programs are seamless, that energy levels are revitalized or calmed down. They help fill the gaps when programs finish early, waiting for children to arrive or time is too short to start another activity. These games are environmentally friendly!

Alf Grigg is a Professor at Seneca College teaching in the Recreation and Leisure Services Program. He is one of the vice presidents with CIRA-Ontario developing resources and providing workshops to engage students in physical activity.

A-11 INCLUSION: DOES YOUR CHILD CARE PROGRAM MEASURE UP?

Inclusion is more than being physically present. This workshop focuses on what inclusive environments are and how ECE's can assess their centres utilizing SpecialLink's Inclusion Principles Profile and Inclusion Practices Scale. Measure up and then put action plans in place to ensure that all children feel a sense of acceptance and belonging. Open-ended loose parts will be explored to show how these materials can engage all children.

Cindy Green BSc., E.C.E.C. is a Professor in the School of Early Childhood Education at Seneca College. In addition, she has taught in the Resource Teacher/Early Intervention Program and the Early Childhood Educator Inclusion Practices Program. She has worked with children as a front-line educator and at a managerial level.

A-12 DOLLAR STORE PROGRAMMING

Same as morning workshop M-4

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!

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.



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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 6, 2009. The recipient will be announced at the 2009 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 Award recipient will be expected to accept the Award at the Annual Umbrella Conference on March 7, 2009.

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

Submit nominations by February 6, 2009 to:

Nominating Committee
Doreen Evelyn Award
Umbrella Central Day Care Services
1220 Kingston Road
Scarborough, Ontario M1N 1P3
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Registration Information

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

Early Bird Special ends February 13, 2009.

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 13, 2009 and include the name of the replacement person.

No refunds will be issued after the February 13, 2009 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
Training	Accu/Cut Machine
Employment Referrals	Library
Special Event Rentals	Board of Directors Training
Workshops	Specialty Publications
Newsletter	ECE Workshops
Group Insurance	Event Childcare
Resource Centre	School-Age Conference
Facilities Rental	Industry and Government Liaison
School-Age Network	Annual Conference



See you at the Conference
March 7, 2009

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