



Wednesday, March 21, 2012

CREATING A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

Invitation to: early childhood educators, parents, teachers, therapists, educational assistants, health care staff, family support staff, adult educators & more...

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Registration @ 8:30 a.m.

Where: The Continental Inn, 16625 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton

9:00 am to 12 Noon—THE MENTORING PROCESS: Strengthening our places of work.

The workplace is far more complex than it was a few decades ago. Understanding how to meaningfully support those whom we work with involves the development of authentic relationships. The evolution of these relationships requires time as well as a structured focus that guides a successful learning partnership. Effective mentoring can support continuous growth of professionals working with children, families, school personnel and community programs. This session will review an effective mentoring process and explore a variety of models that support the development of mentoring practices. Increase your understanding of the skills you currently have in your role of mentor and co-learner and take away practical strategies to build your mentoring practices.



AM Presenter—DR. CATHY SMEY

CARSTON, Chair of the Department of Child and Youth Studies at Mount Royal University. She recently completed her doctoral studies, where she explored mentoring experiences in the workplace. Cathy has taught at the post secondary level for over 25 years, and has always had a strong interest in practicum and workplace mentoring from a learner focused perspective. She is the mom of three grown sons and is an active member in the early learning community.

1:00 to 3:00 pm—ENGAGING FAMILIES: Partnerships of co-learners on a journey of inclusion.

Parents begin their journey of raising a child with special needs from diverse experiences. Parents' values and vision for their child's future grows significantly through the early years and their transition to school. This parent panel will share the influences of authentic relationships and mentors that have inspired their lives as they find strength and clarity in their family's vision for an inclusive future.

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Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Prov: _____
Postal Code: _____ Phone _____

Registration Fee *refreshments & lunch included*

Professionals: \$95.00 Students: \$45.00

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