



## Professional Early Learning Calendar for Lanark County January-June 2012

### **Welcome.....to the second edition of the Professional Early Learning Calendar for Early Years Professionals in Lanark County.**

This calendar is for those working as Early Childhood Educators, Ontario Early Years Centre Staff, Kindergarten Teachers, Ready to/2 Learn staff, licensed home child care providers, private home child care providers and those who may find that these workshops and seminars will help to build their professional capacities.

There are a variety of learning options and any changes or additions will be posted on the OEYC website at [www.crowoeyc.ca](http://www.crowoeyc.ca). **Please register for any of these workshops by calling the OEYC at 613-283-0095 or 1-800-267-9252.**

#### **Raising the Bar**

A voluntary, annual community accreditation program for licensed early learning and child care centres in Lanark County. Professional Development required for Bronze: two events or four hours of professional development. Silver: three events or six hours of professional development. Gold: four events or eight hours of professional development.

#### **Online Training/Webinars**

These are provided by various presenters in an online format and a computer is needed and sometimes a telephone line/microphone.

#### **Professional Development- Literacy and Numeracy Workshops**

These are hosted by the Early Literacy Specialist, Kathy Boelsma, who will present workshops on emergent literacy, numeracy and transition to school. The atmosphere is an informal professional learning community with research based information presented in a variety of print and media formats.

#### **Lanark Early Learning and Child Care Association**

LELCCA hosts meetings to support professional development for Early Childhood Educators and those who work in early years programs in Lanark County.

#### **Ontario Early Years Centre**

The Ontario Early Years Centre provides many workshops for parents in our community and some of these may be of interest to those working with children. Included in this calendar are workshops that professionals may find appropriate as refresher courses.

There are also some sessions that are being hosted by other community agencies. We hope you find something that will add to your professional development and growth.



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**For More Information on this calendar,**

**Please call:**

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**1-800-267-9252 Extension 312**

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**Updates to calendar available at: [www.crowoeyc.com](http://www.crowoeyc.com)**

### January 2012

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<a href="#">ECE Directors and Board Relationships: Developing and Leading an Effective Board of Directors</a>	<i>Archived</i>	Online	2pm-3:30pm	Directors of Early Years Programs

The session will include discussions of mission statements, board structure, membership and recruitment, communication, and strategies for dealing with typical board ups and downs. You will leave this session with several resources you can immediately use and spring-board into action; and the session will conclude with a discussion on follow through, action plans. Barb McCreedy has over 30 years of early childhood program management, oversight and review work in the early childhood field.

**Free**

**To register click here:**

<http://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.org/presentations/ece-directors-and-board-relationships-developing-and-leading-an-effective-board-of-directors/>

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<a href="#">3 Steps to Encourage ECE Teachers To Be Problem Solvers: Encourage Winners, Not Whiners!</a>	<i>Wednesday, January 18, 2012</i>	Online	2pm-3:30pm	Early Childhood Educators, OEYC staff, Ready 2/to Learn staff

Can you imagine your early childhood program as a negativity-free workplace, one without complainers, nay-sayers and mopey people? Or, do you think you are stuck with these dour folk? Guess what? You can establish boundaries to prevent negative people from dumping their "cooties" on you. Fortified by the latest neuroscientific research, you can use a step by step approach to create an upbeat space around you and uplift others in the process.

**To register click here:**

<http://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.org/presentations/ece-directors-you-want-staff-winners-not-whiners-3-steps-to-create-a-staff-of-problem-solvers/>



## February 2012

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>Resiliency Skills Training Information Session</b>	<i>Information Session: February 1, 2012</i>	<b>Lanark Community Programs,</b> <b>30 Bennett Street,</b> <b>Carleton Place</b>	<b>9:30 - 10:30am</b>	<b>Early Childhood Educators, Early Childhood Education students, Early Childhood apprentices. Early Childhood Assistants, Social Workers, Infant &amp; Child Development Workers, Speech-Language Pathologists, Children's Mental Health staff, Child Support Workers, CAS, Foster Parents, PH Nurses</b>
<b>Part 1</b>	<i>Followed by 2-day training Part 1: Mar 1, 2</i>		<b>9am - 4pm</b>	
<b>Part 2</b>	<i>Part 2: Mar 22, 23</i>		<b>9am - 4pm</b>	

**Presenter: Sandy Prentice**

**Reaching IN...Reaching OUT (RIRO)** is an evidence-based skills training program designed to help adults help children develop a resilient response to life's inevitable bumps to the road.

The RIRO Information Session Provides: an overview of the resilience research, research results from Reaching IN...Reaching OUT (RIRO), a resiliency promotion program piloted in child care centers in Ontario, information about seven critical abilities researchers associate with resilience, information about "thinking habits" and how they help or hinder a person's ability to deal effectively with stress, adversity, and opportunity.

**For more information or to register, please contact 613-257-2779 extension 100 or [leigh@connectionsprogram.ca](mailto:leigh@connectionsprogram.ca)**

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>How To Talk So Kids Will Listen</b>	<i>Wednesday, February 15, 22, 29, 2012</i>	<b>Almonte Public Library</b>	<b>6:30 - 8:30pm</b>	<b>Early Childhood Educators, Early Childhood Education students, Early Childhood apprentices. Early Childhood Assistants</b>

A three session workshop focusing on helping parents/practitioners learn to listen, communicate, and engage cooperation.

**To Register: Call the Ontario Early Years Centre: 613-283-0095 extension 300**



## February 2012

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>"Strengthening Our Voice for Children Through Advocacy and Future Leadership"</b>  <b>A Raising the Bar Event</b>	<i>Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012</i>	To be determined	6:30-8:00pm	<b>Early Childhood Educators, Early Childhood Education students, Early Childhood apprentices. Early Childhood Assistants.</b>

**A "Raising the Bar" event: Presenter Marion Balla, Adlerian Centre**

**Marion will be speaking on the changes, challenges and choices we have in the childcare field.**

As early childhood educators, we are on the front line in children's lives. We know the needs of both parents and children and must speak up and speak out for children's futures.

Come and discuss strategies and honour our important role in impacting the present and the future. We make a difference on a daily basis and we need to tell our stories and celebrate our investment in children's health and well-being.

**Marion Balla** has been involved in the counselling field since 1969. She has completed both a Master in Education (Counselling) and a Master in Social Work (Direct Intervention). Marion is President of Adlerian Counselling and Consulting Group where she offers individual, couple and family counselling to the community. She was a part-time lecturer at the University of Ottawa in the Faculty of Education from 1973-1988.

Marion is a founding member of the Family Enrichment Co-ordination Committee and first president of the Ottawa Central Family Enrichment Association. She has been active in parent and family education since 1973. Marion was the first chairperson of the Parent Resource Centre, President of the West End Co-op Nursery School and former Director of St. Andrew's Day Care Centre.

Marion has been a regular guest on CBC Radio, CJOH, and Chez FM where she speaks on the issues facing families and the joys of family living. She has been a guest on YTV "Positive Parenting" series and Canada A.M. and writes a "Relationships" column in "Capital Parent" Newspaper. She has been frequently quoted in Chatelaine, Today's Parent, Homemakers and The Ottawa Citizen.

In November of 1997, Marion received the Parent Education Award in recognition of her important contribution towards increasing the awareness of education for parents and enriching family life.

She continues to be committed to increasing support systems and constructive approaches to enhance family living. She advocates focusing on "what is right" in families and building on the strengths of each family member. Marion is the mother of two adult daughters.

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## March 2012

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>Kids Have Stress Too</b>	<i>Wednesday, March 7, 2012</i>	Glen Tay Public School	6:30 - 8:30pm	<b>Early Childhood Educators, Early Childhood Education students, Early Childhood apprentices. Early Childhood Assistants.</b>

**Presenter: Ontario Early Years Centre**

What are the signs of stress in children? Come out and learn some strategies to help your children relax and cope with stress.

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## March 2012

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>Siblings Without Rivalry</b>	<i>Tuesday, March 20, 27, and April 3, 2012</i>	Carleton Place Childcare Services	6:30 - 8:30pm	Early Childhood Educators, Early Childhood Education students, Early Childhood apprentices. Early Childhood Assistants.

**Presenter: Ontario Early Years Centre**

3 Session Workshop focusing on helping parents communicate and engage cooperation among multiple children.

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Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>Foundations for Numeracy Part One</b>	<i>Tues. March 20 (Part 1)</i>	To be determined	6:30pm- 8:30pm	Kindergarten teachers, Early Childhood Educators, OEYC staff, Ready 2/to Learn staff

**Presenter: Kathy Boelsma, Early Literacy Specialist**

**Free**

An evidence based tool kit for early learning practitioners. This kit with DVD videos and resources is produced by the Canadian Literacy and Language Network for those that work with children ages birth to five. It covers mathematical development for children ages birth to five.

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Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>Foundations for Numeracy Part Two</b>	<i>Tues. March 27 (Part 2)</i>	To be determined	6:30pm- 8:30pm	Kindergarten teachers, Early Childhood Educators, OEYC staff, Ready 2/to Learn staff

**Presenter: Kathy Boelsma, Early Literacy Specialist**

**Free**

An evidence based tool kit for early learning practitioners. Part two is based on activities that are developmentally appropriate for ages birth to five to use in your program.

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## March 2012

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
Performance Appraisals, Recruitment and Dismissal	<i>Thursday, March 22, 2012</i>	To be determined	9:30am - Noon	Child Care Directors and Supervisors

**Presenter:** Colleen Hickey, Human Resources Specialist/Labour Relations, County of Frontenac- Administrative Services

More information coming soon.

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## April 2012

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
Fun With Numbers, Early Learning Activities for 2-4 year olds	<i>Wednesday, April 18, 2012</i>	Location to be determined	6:30 - 8:30pm	Kindergarten teachers, Early Childhood Educators, OEYC staff, Ready 2/to Learn staff

**Presenter:** Kathy Boelsma, Early Literacy Specialist

This is a workshop for parents on early numeracy activities they can do with their children at home. Early years professionals will gain program ideas and parent supports for early math development they can use to give to parents in their programs.

**To Register:** Call the Ontario Early Years Centre: 613-283-0095 extension 300

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
Counting and Representation	<i>Anytime</i>	Online		Kindergarten teachers, Early Childhood Educators, OEYC staff, Ready 2/to Learn staff

Counting and Representation are two of the key mathematical principles or "Big Ideas" in Number Sense and Numeration, and are closely linked together. See this online module using the kindergarten section.

<http://eworkshop.on.ca/edu/core.cfm?p=main&modColour=2&modID=9&m=213&L=1>



## April 2012

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>Ready for Reading, Stages of Literacy Development</b>	<i>Wednesday, April 25, 2012</i>	<b>Smiths Falls Child Development Centre, Smiths Falls</b>	<b>6:30 - 8:30pm</b>	<b>Early Childhood Educators, staff in licensed centres, home child care providers, licensed.</b>

**Presenter: Kathy Boelsma, Early Literacy Specialist**

**Free**

This session will provide ideas for parents and educators to use in their interactions with children to promote emergent literacy. The areas of emergent literacy are highlighted with a demonstration of activities that can be used at home or in an early years setting. This session has a focus on children two to four years of age.

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Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>Raising the Bar Celebration with Marion Grobb Finkelstein "Communicate to Connect"</b>	<i>Saturday, 28 April 2012</i>	<b>To be determined</b>	<b>To be determined</b>	<b>Early Childhood Educators, staff in licensed centres, home child care providers, licensed.</b>

**Lunch following the celebration**

**Presenter: Marion Grobb Finkelstein, Communication Catalyst , MARIONSPEAKS**

This session is designed to be interactive, playful and fun! Participants will laugh as they learn practical, proven and powerful communication strategies and techniques that they can use in their face-to-face meetings with clients and colleagues. The presentation will be a combination of PowerPoint, exercises, break-out sessions and learning games. This session will be specific to the field of child-care.

This session will focus on: How to connect with clients, How to appear confident (even when you don't feel it) and How to assert yourself. You will learn how to put your smile to work (research tells us how!), assume welcoming and approachable body language, avoid words and actions that rob credibility. We will explore the Assertiveness process model, keys to knowing when to be assertive (or not), providing great feedback with the 2 keys to make a difference, and communicate concerns effectively.

In today's fast-paced, technological world there is a desperate need for good communicators and leaders. Marion Grobb Finkelstein shares her proven approaches and techniques for communicating to connect in-person, one-to-one. This presentation explores different communication styles and how to build bridges between them.

Marion Grobb Finkelstein is a communication specialist with extensive marketing and management experience who brings to her clients a wealth of practical, proven and powerful communication strategies they can put to work, immediately. As her client, you benefit from her strong academic credentials that are balanced with 30 years of hands-on communication experience. You get Marion's strong analytical and management skills put to work for you and your team as she's served as a Marketing Research Analyst and, for several decades, in communication-related senior management positions for international airports, national museums, and federal institutions. Marion understands your world – she's worked in the roles of both supervisor and front line staff and moves seamlessly between the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors and knows the types of communications that are most effective in each. Marion has a proven track record as a leader and is a proud recipient of the 2007 Association of Public Executives (APEX) "Award for Leadership in Service Innovation" for her communications role in establishing the first-ever Tim Hortons outlet in Kandahar Airfield for the Canadian Forces members and allied troops.

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## May 2012

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
What are multiple intelligences and learning styles?	<i>Wednesday, May 9, 2012</i>	Carleton Place	6:30 - 8:30pm	Early Childhood Educators, staff in licensed centres, home child care providers, licensed, kindergarten teachers, educational assistants, Ready to2Learn staff

**Presenter: Kathy Boelsma, Early Literacy Specialist**

Identify your learning style and intelligence area as well as the children you work with. Use learning styles as a basis for effective programming techniques to reach every child.

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Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
Fun with Numbers, Early Learning Activities for Parents/Child	<i>Wednesday, May 16, 2012</i>	Carleton Place	6:30 - 8:30pm	Early Childhood Educators, staff in licensed centres, home child care providers, licensed.

**Presenter: Kathy Boelsma, Early Literacy Specialist**

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Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
Good Discipline, Good Kids	<i>Tuesday, May 22 and May 29, 2012</i>	Stewart School, Perth	6:30 - 8:30pm	Early Childhood Educators, staff in licensed centres, home child care providers, licensed.

**Presented by: Ontario Early Years Centre**

A two session workshop to help parents/caregivers learn to listen, communicate, and understand their child's concerns and to encourage co-operation.

**To Register: Call the Ontario Early Years Centre at 613-283-0095 extension 300**

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
Positive Parenting	<i>Wednesday, May 30, 2012</i>	Linda Lowe Daycare Centre, Pakenham	6:30 - 8:00pm	Early Childhood Educators, staff in licensed centres, home child care providers, licensed.

**Presented by: Ontario Early Years Centre**

Come and learn new ways to interact with children.

**To Register: Call the Ontario Early Years Centre at 613-283-0095**



## June 2012

Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>Basic Computer Training</b>	<i>Wednesday, June 13, 2012</i>	Location to be de-termined	<b>6:30 - 8:30pm</b>	<b>Early Childhood Educators, staff in licensed centres, home child care providers, licensed.</b>

**Presenter: Diane Bennett, Raising the Bar Coordinator**

Bring your laptop and we will look at some basic computer operations such as saving files, creating folders, organizing your files, copying text, inserting pictures, printing documents.

If you have other computer training needs other than the ones listed above, please send Diane an email at [dbennett@bellnet.ca](mailto:dbennett@bellnet.ca) or call 283-0095 extension 313

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Workshop	Date	Location	Time	Audience
<b>Gender differences and literacy</b>	<i>Anytime</i>	Online		<b>Dr. Leonard Sax</b>  <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUNfgbJo7H8">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUNfgbJo7H8</a>

### Shared Book Reading

Reading with children provides valuable opportunities for enriching vocabulary and other important oral language skills as well as for extending basic knowledge about the world. Viewers will learn how to maximize language growth through shared book reading. They will also find out how to increase children's understanding of concepts of print, how books work, and the wonders of letters and words on a page. Activities will be demonstrated to help prepare children to become motivated, equipped, and successful readers and writers.

To access an archived version of this Webinar, [click here](#).

To download just the PowerPoint presentation used during this Webinar, [click here](#)

**Note: There will be a training in the spring for the new Emergent Literacy Digital Resource Guide, it will be posted on the update to the calendar on the OEYC website.**

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