



**Conference
&
Awards of Excellence Gala**

May 4 th - 5th, 2024

Delta Hotel, Regina Saskatchewan

Conference Itinerary

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Welcome
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Keynote Speaker Lyndon Linklater
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	BREAK
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Morning Breakout Sessions
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Afternoon Breakout Sessions
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	BREAK
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Expert Panel
3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Closing
6:30 p.m.	Cocktails
7:00 p.m.	Supper
7:45 p.m.	Welcome & Awards
8:30 p.m.	Matt Gore- Comedic Magician

SUNDAY MAY 5, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker Richard Cohen

Morning Breakout Sessions

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please choose ONE of the following options for the morning breakout session

Beautiful Oopsies (Exploring the Creativity of Open-Ended Art) - Tina Geers, Inspired Minds ECC Consulting Inc., is a Protector of Play, an Accidental Educator and an Advocate for Early Childhood Educators with over 17 years of experience. With the belief that play is the foundation to early childhood experiences and to help provide positive play opportunities for children we must start with learning how to have fun ourselves. This hands-on exploration of play session will focus on art as a process, not an end result. Dive into the creative world of what art is for children and how you as an educator can be more responsive to their creative needs. Say goodbye to handprint crafts and cut our projects, open ended art is about getting messy.

Participants should be dressed to get messy with paint!

The Seven Grandfather Teachings - Sharon Meyer is an outstanding leader and role model in the Aboriginal and education communities and is committed to Aboriginal awareness and education. In this session Sharon will guide you through the Seven Grandfather Teachings that have been passed down from generation to generation through stories and ceremonies. These teachings are relatable and encompass the kinds of morals that humanity can aspire to live by, offering ways to enrich one's life while existing in peace and harmony with all of creation.

Positively Present - In this session Leah Blaire, Music to My Soul Guidance, will teach how to apply mindful practices into your daily programming to foster healthy, balances & confident children. Discover new, fun and easy ways to cultivate a positive and peaceful atmosphere within the classroom. *bring a yoga mat and towel*

It's Toddler Time! - Toddlers are always on the go, and it can be challenging to keep them engaged. Why not let your environment help you with that? In this session Melanie Bacon will use her more than 20 years of experience to teach about creating a safe and engaging environment for toddler. As well, you will discuss following the child's lead when planning experiences and ensuring that they are benefiting from a holistic program.

Advocacy & Me - This session with Cara Steiner focuses on helping Educators understand on a deeper level what advocacy means in the context of Early Learning and Child Care. You will leave understanding not only what it means, but how you can participate and be a self advocate as well. Participants will have time to understand how their own issues fit into the larger ELCC system and how they can take steps to work on their own ideas and start to advocate about the things they are passionate about. Time will be provided at the end for a Q&A session if there is enough time left after brainstorming and group work

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Please choose ONE of the following options for the afternoon breakout session

Promoting Family Engagement - In the busy day to day rush of drop off and pick up it can be difficult to connect with families. Melanie invites you to join her to discuss the importance of engaging families in your early learning programs. You will also explore ways to connect and build positive relationships with families, both in person and with the use of technology. Families are the most important resource we have when working with children, let's tap into that!

Educator Wellness - In this session, Leah will help you explore self-compassion strategies that are essential for supporting your holistic health and wellness and reduce burnout. Give yourself permission to slow down, breathe and just BE, as you learn to nurture your hearts and minds with mindful practices.

The Seven Grandfather Teachings - Sharon Meyer is an outstanding leader and role model in the Aboriginal and education communities and is committed to Aboriginal awareness and education. In this session Sharon will guide you through the Seven Grandfather Teachings that have been passed down from generation to generation through stories and ceremonies. These teachings are relatable and encompass the kinds of morals that humanity can aspire to live by, offering ways to enrich one's life while existing in peace and harmony with all of creation.

Paymatawayk - Come and Play: Circle Time and Play Exploration from a Metis Perspective - Representatives from The Metis Nation Saskatchewan invite you to join them for a concise exploration of who the People of the Metis Nation are and discover ways to integrate uniquely Metis perspectives into your early learning settings. This session will include a circle time demonstration and hand-on learning opportunities.

Beautiful Oopsies (Exploring the Creativity of Open-Ended Art) - Tina Geers, Inspired Minds ECC Consulting Inc., is a Protector of Play, an Accidental Educator and an Advocate for Early Childhood Educators with over 17 years of experience. With the belief that play is the foundation to early childhood experiences and to help provide positive play opportunities for children we must start with learning how to have fun ourselves. This hands-on exploration of play session will focus on art as a process, not an end result. Dive into the creative world of what art is for children and how you as an educator can be more responsive to their creative needs. Say goodbye to handprint crafts and cut our projects, open ended art is about getting messy.

Participants should be dressed to get messy with paint!