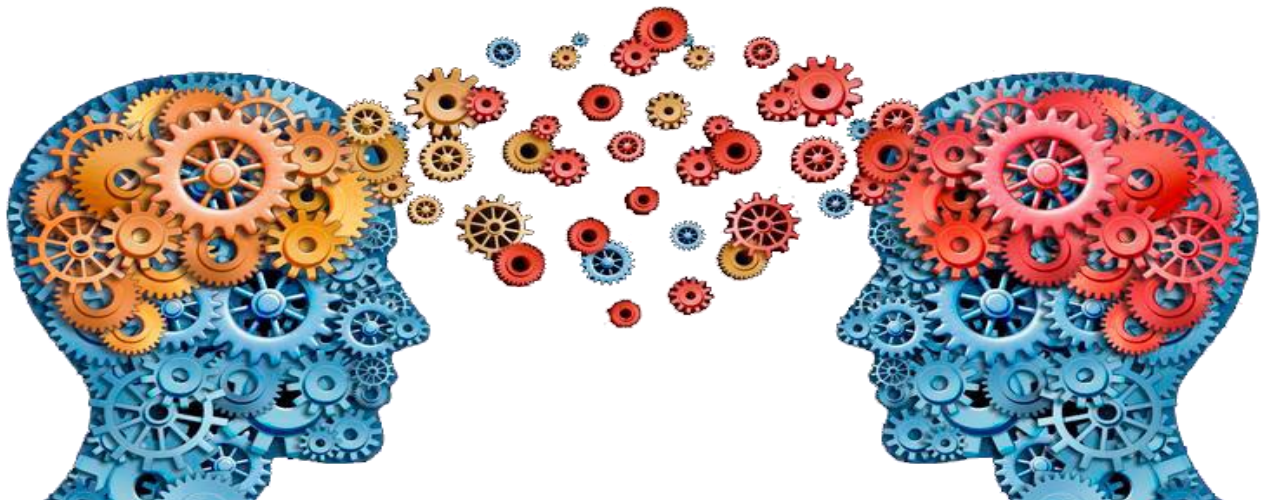


“Creative Minds” Conference



Early Childhood & Parent Conference

Saturday November 4th from 8:15am - 4:30pm

**Valleyview Alberta
St. Stephen's School
4301 51Ave, near Hwy 49**

Conference Partners & Sponsors

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Ken Bishop with
Friends Forever Puppets!**

Saturday's Outline

GUIDE TO SELECTING CONFERENCE SESSIONS

In order to assist you in your session selections, we have identified sessions into the following levels:

ECE = EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS (Day Care, Family Child Care, Preschool and Out-of-School Care)

ADM = ADMINISTRATORS (Directors, Administrators and Coordinators of Children's Programs)

STU = STUDENTS (Early Learning and Child Care, Support Staff and Educational Assistants,)

FSW = FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS (Parent Link, Inclusive Child Care and Community Programs)

KT = Kindergarten Teachers and EA from K to 3

FL = Family Literacy

GEN = GENERAL (Suitable for ALL levels and program types)

Choices for First

Session: 8:45 - 10:15

A: Can I help children to become better talkers and listeners? - Yes, you can! As a Speech-Language Pathologist I'm often asked by educators, support staff and parents what they can do to help children develop correct production of speech sounds, learn new words and be able to follow given instructions. This workshop will give many examples of how this can be achieved in everyday activities at school or at home. Shared strategies will also be applicable to educators teaching children with a second language background or parents raising bilingual children. **GEN**

Presenter: Katrin Sannig (Parent Friendly)

B: Make and Take - The make and take program is a creative way for families/caregivers to create resources to help promote various developmental skills for children. These resources can be created inexpensively, and often time be utilized in multiple ways for children of different ages. They can also be a great help in situations where children have to wait. These activities will provide developments skills, promote parent/caregiver – child interactions as well as lessen the reliance on technological tools. **GEN**

Presenters: Lara Stadynek and Jenn Taylor (Parent Friendly)

Agenda At A Glance...

8:15 - 8:45	- Registration
8:45 - 10:15	- First Session
10:15 - 10:30	- Refreshment Break
10:30 - 12:00	- Second Session
12:00 - 12:20	- Coalition Presentation
12:20 - 12:50	- Lunch (provided)
12:50 - 1:10	- Keynote ~ Ken
1:10 - 2:40	- Third Session
2:40 - 3:00	- Refreshment Break/Prizes
3:00 - 4:30	- Fourth Session Choice
4:30 Drop off	Evaluation and receive Certificate
5:00 - 6:00pm	- Friends Forever Puppets



"The desire to create is one of the deepest yearnings of the human soul" ~ Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Choices for Second Session: 10:30 – 12:00

C: EVERYBODY IN THE HOUSE PUT YOUR HAND UP..... You will learn how to better use what is readily available to you and how to animate the inanimate. We will also go through puppetry techniques including proper manipulation, mouth control, posture, rod arms, puppetry styles, voicing and putting a performance together. GEN

Presenter: Ken Bishop (Parent Friendly)

D: Supporting Children's Prosocial Behaviours - Educators and Parents play a very important role in helping children develop positive peer relationships. Young children's social-emotional development involves learning how to understand their own feelings and those of others and how to self-regulate. Various prosocial strategies for children ages 3 – 8 yrs. will be shared with the group. GEN

Presenters: Marilyn Boisvert (Parent Friendly)



Coalition Presentation 12:00 – 12:20 Beverley Milroy

Early childhood development community coalitions are groups of individuals who have come together to actively promote positive early development. Come and hear about how coalitions benefit the rural communities.

Keynote Address: 12:50 – 1:10 Use What You Have! with Ken Bishop

When it comes to working with and entertaining children, Ken Bishop has decades of experience. He has performed at various venues throughout Canada, United States and Mexico. A few places include Man and His World in Montreal, the CNE, the PNE, Parkland Children's Festival, Grande Prairie Children's Festival, Gospel Jamborees, schools and more. He was the owner of Kenuupet Productions in Edmonton and performed sixteen shows a week for five straight years at West Edmonton Mall. While this was going on he also starred in CTV's Storytime which was seen across Canada and in other countries as well. This is what caused his puppet family to increase to 350 characters.

Ken has written over 100 television scripts and has also done over 50 music videos. His teaching expertise has covered puppetry, character development and script writing with both students and adults. Believing that "laughter is the best medicine", his puppets never fail to bring a smile to every heart.

Besides puppetry, Ken also enjoys motivating people through positive messages and encouragement.

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Choices for Third Session: 1:10 - 2:40

E: Multiculturalism and Diversity - By involving children and families in recognizing and celebrating their heritage and identity, we can foster appreciation of the diversity of our world. Join us as we create a child care environment which integrates diverse learning activities and builds children's cultural awareness. ECE, STU and KT

Presenter: Tara Dryden

F: 40 Developmental Assets - The Search Institute has identified 40 positive experiences and qualities that all of us have the power to bring into the lives of children and youth, which are called Developmental Assets. For many people, the assets have become a source of ideas and inspiration in the face of frustration and even despair. Join Tanice on an interactive journey and discover how we, as parents, caregivers and professionals can use asset building to enhance the lives of children in our community. GEN

Presenter: Tanice Jones (Parent Friendly)



If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader ~ *John Q Adams*

Choices for Fourth Session: 3:00 to 4:30

G: Strategies for FASD - Nearly 90% of people affected with FASD remain undiagnosed or misdiagnosed. Therefore, it is imperative that we educate everyone on strategies, services and new research. So join me to learn more in-depth FASD information and share strategies that help every child thrive within a shame free environment. GEN

Presenter: Leanne Aspen (Parent Friendly)

H: Young Children and Technology - Finding the Right Balance - Not sure if you should incorporate technology into your early childhood education work or home life? And if you decide to go for it how to do it best? Are you wondering about children playing or learning on their iPads or other devices? This session will talk about how to integrate iPads and other technologies into your work and home environments to effectively and engagingly teach early literacy and language skills. GEN

Presenter: Katrin Sannig (Parent Friendly)

Registration Information

Conference Location

St Stephen's School
4301 51 Ave
Valleyview, Alberta

Suggested Accommodations

Paradise Inn & Suites
1 877-552-2338

Western Valley Inn
1 780-524-4000

Horizon Inn
1 780-524-3904

Registration Fee for Professionals: \$50.00
High School/College Students Fee: \$25.00
Parents with children 0 – 6 Registering through
PLC: \$25.00 (Subsidies available)
Includes: sessions, refreshments and lunch

Deadline to Register:

Registration and payment must be received by
Friday October 27th
Full fee must accompany registration

Conference Withdrawals: Notice of withdrawal and requests for a refund must be submitted in writing to Christin at christin.tro@gmail.com by Tuesday October 31st, 2017. No refunds will be issued after this date. A \$20.00 administrative fee will apply to all refunds. Non-attendance does not constitute notice of withdrawal. Refunds due to weather cannot be given.

Name (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY FOR CERTIFICATE): _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

Postal Code: _____ Email: _____

Agency/Program: _____ Food Restrictions: _____

Session Selections... Circle 1st choice, sessions fill quickly and seating is limited so register early to get spot.

8:45am to 10:15am	A or B
10:30am to 12:00pm	C or D
1:10pm to 2:40 pm	E or F
3:00pm to 4:30pm	G or H

First come first served
for session choices.
Maximum room sizes!!

Preferred Method of Payment:

Participant Fee: ☐ \$50 Registration ☐ \$25 student registration (proof may be required)
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card# _____ Expiry Date: _____ Cardholders Name: _____

I authorize Stepping Stones Society to charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

If cheques must be used: Contact Christin at valleyview@ssdcs.ca

Return Completed Registration Forms Including Payment Information to Christin

At valleyview@ssdcs.ca

Community Presentation @ the Valleyview Library Saturday Evening



Bring your families and come and see Ken in action with his
Friends Forever Puppets!

November 4th Doors open at 4:45 show begins at 5:00pm

Share with all your friends - Everyone Welcome!!

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At this community performance, you will meet the host of the show, REGGI, and many of his friends. Children volunteers will be needed to assist Albert (a human-hand puppet) with his hands and also to help with the dummy-masks.

Almost too much fun for one night so get your cameras ready!!!!