



The Learning Exchange: Quick links for Inspiring Professional Growth

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Explore your personal professional learning goals through a variety of workshops, webinars, resources, websites, and other virtual learning opportunities that support your ongoing journey and well-being.

Professional Development

Virtual

- Learning Disabilities in the Early Years Series Session 3 - Strategies for Supporting School-Age Students with Learning Disabilities - **Thursday May 2, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Flourishing in the Early Years Series Session 2 – Representation in Early Learning Environments: Strategies for Inclusion and its Impact on Identity - **Tuesday May 7, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:30pm**: [click here](#)
- Connecting Children to a Love of Food Series Session 2 – Mindful Meals - **Monday May 13, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Fostering an Inclusive Environment Through Nature Play Series Session 2 – Exploring Connections Between Mental Health & Nature - **Thursday May 16, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Examining Wild Play in Early Childhood - **Tuesday May 28, 2024** from **6:30 to 8:30pm**: [click here](#)

In-person

- Leading with Passion and Intention to Support Professional Growth Learning Institute with Susan MacDonald - **Saturday May 4, 2024** from **9:00am to 3:00pm**: [click here](#)
- What Does Indoor Risk Look Like for Child Care? For Supervisors - **Wednesday May 8, 2024** from **9:30 to 11:30am**: [click here](#)
- Take it Outside, a Nature Perspective Series: Session One Innovative Ways to Use Natural Loose Parts - **Thursday May 9, 2024** from **6:30 to 9:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Strengthening Your Program Through Trauma-Informed Practices - **Saturday May 11, 2024** from **8:30am to 4:00pm**: [click here](#)
- What Does Indoor Risk Look Like for Child Care? For Educators - **Tuesday May 14, 2024** from **6:30 to 9:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Take it Outside, a Nature Perspective Series: Session 2 Outdoor Play Throughout the Year - **Thursday May 30, 2024** from **6:30 to 9:00pm**: [click here](#)
- Supporting Children in Caring for Earth through Outdoor Education Experiences - **Saturday June 1** from **10:00am to 3:00pm**: [click here](#)



May Highlights

Hunger Awareness week - 1st Week of May

- Food Banks Canada: [click here](#)

National Composting - 1st Week of May

- Composting Activities with Children: [click here](#)
- Composting with Kids (YouTube video): [click here](#)

Safety & Health Week - 2nd Week of May

- CCOHS National Launch (webinar): [click here](#)
- Plain Language Health & Safety: [click here](#)

Road Awareness week - 3rd Week of May

- Canada Safety Council: [click here](#)

National Accessibility Week - 4th Week of May

- Easter Seals Canada: [click here](#)

Red Dress Day for Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women & Girls - May 5

- All About Red Dress Day (video): [click here](#)
- CBC Kids News: What is Red Dress Day for Kids: [click here](#)

Spring Bird Festival - May 11

- Toronto & Region Conservation Authority: [click here](#)

Mother's Day - May 12

- Have a Happy Mother's Day 2024: Facts, Folklore, Recipes, and Ideas: [click here](#)
- 10 Mother's Day Activities to do as a Family this Year: [click here](#)
- Making Mother's Day More Inclusive: [click here](#)



Ride Your Bike to Work Day - May 17

- Bike to Work Day History: [click here](#)
- 15 Fun & Easy Biking Activities for Summer: [click here](#)
- 5 Fun Activities that can Build your Child's Bike-Riding Skills: [click here](#)
- Good Earth Gifting: [click here](#)

World Bee Day – May 20

- The Bee Conservancy: [click here](#)
- Changing the World - One Bee & One Mind at a Time! [click here](#)
- Make a DIY Native Bee Home: [click here](#)
- Bees Opening a Fanta Bottle: [click here](#)

Paper Bag Princess Day – May 23

- The Paper Bag Princess Read Along: [click here](#)
- Paper Bag Princess Day Event Kit: [click here](#)
- Reimagining Happily Ever After with Paper Bag Princess Activities: [click here](#)

Early Learning Podcasts, Videos and Websites

- Playvolution HQ Podcast - Anger & Aggression: [click here](#)
- Floor Activities for Babies: [click here](#)
- STEAM Activity - Glow Salt Circuits: [click here](#)
- DCRC: Defining Empathy (video series): [click here](#)
- 8 Brain Breaks to Spark Joy & Help Young Children Concentrate: [click here](#)
- Executive Functioning Skills are the Root of Success (TedTalk): [click here](#)
- Making Clean-up Fun (video): [click here](#)
- Simple and Effective Strategies to Support Executive Functioning Skills in Young Children (book chat): [click here](#)
- What Do Babies Think? (Alison Gopnik-TedTalk): [click here](#)
- Floorbooks & Idea Mapping: [click here](#)
- The Significance of Transitional Objects in an Early Childhood Classroom for Children and Toddlers: [click here](#)
- Focusing on Positive Behaviours with Devereux Early Childhood Assessment: [click here](#)
- Cameras for Classroom Scientists with Cindy & Alison (podcast): [click here](#)
- Foundations of Learning - Building STEM Skills: [click here](#)



Diversity and Inclusion

- An Indigenous Mother's View of Active Play: [click here](#)
- Anti-bias Lessons Help Preschoolers Hold Up a Mirror to Diversity (video): [click here](#)
- Diversity and Inclusion - Lessons in Friendship and Love TEDx (video): [click here](#)
- Creating Inclusive Workplaces for Trans and Non-binary Workers: [click here](#)

Health, Wellness and Safety

- Toronto School Boards Take Social Media Platforms to Court: [click here](#)
- Active for Life Elementary Teacher's Toolkit: [click here](#)
- The Child Care Menu Planning Guidelines Have Been Updated: [click here](#)
- CCOSHS: Ticks - Tiny Bugs, Big Health Threat: [click here](#)
- Creating Trauma-sensitive Classrooms: [click here](#)
- 12-minute Meditations (podcasts): [click here](#)

Outdoor Activities & Resources

- Creating a Native Species Pollinator Garden (video): [click here](#)
- Get Them Outside - Teaching Sustainability is Easier Than You Think: [click here](#)
- Creating an Action Plan for Wildlife: [click here](#)
- Building a Living Dome (timelapse video): [click here](#)
- Plant a Living Willow Dome (video): [click here](#)

Small Business Resources

- Funding Programs for Nonprofits Directory: [click here](#)

School-age Programing

- Gearing UP: [click here](#)
- On Our Way - A Guide to Support Middle Years Child Development: [click here](#)
- Think, Feel, Act - Middle Years: [click here](#)
- Coping Skills for Kids - Managing Feelings and Emotions for Elementary-middle school Self-regulation (video): [click here](#)
- Soldering for Beginners: [click here](#)



Uplifting Stories

- Staples Canada Announces Sustainability Milestones Surpassed: [click here](#)

Do you have any uplifting stories you would like to share? [Click here](#) to email the Early Childhood Community Development Centre and it may be included in a future edition of The Learning Exchange.

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