



## Duty to Report: Professional Learning and Resources

### Dress Purple Day (formerly Child Abuse Prevention Month)

Every October, children's aid societies and Indigenous Child and Family Well-Being Agencies (child welfare agencies), together with their community partners, raise awareness about the importance of supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families through the provincial Dress Purple Day campaign.

- Dress Purple Day 2024 is today (Friday October 25).
- We invite all Ontarians to wear something purple to show children, youth, and families that they are here to help!

### Understanding Your Duty to Report with Family and Children's Services (FACs) Niagara

Each of us has a responsibility to protect children and youth from harm. As a professional working with children and supporting others who are, you have a legal and ethical duty to report to a children's aid society when you have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is or may be in need of protection. This webinar will provide information on the Duty to Report as outlined under section 125 of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017 (CYFSA). Participants will gain insight on their obligation and responsibility, as well as the process for reporting to Children's Aid Society.



#### Registration Information

- **Monday November 4, 2024**
- 6:30 to 7:30 pm (Virtual)
- Niagara Educators: No Charge
- [Click here to register](#)



## “What it Takes to Protect” Abuse Prevention and Awareness: Beyond the Duty to Report with Alison Grbic

As Educators, we already practice and are aware of children’s safety and supervision in our day-to-day routines in child care settings or early learning environments. These are all very important; however, are we doing all we can to do ‘what it takes to protect’? In this Workshop, Educators will gain more information about how to identify potential abusive situations, what the signs are, prevent abusive situations, and help those needing further support or assistance. They will gain more understanding that abuse comes in all forms, in all situations, and in all different socio-economic backgrounds. They will also learn how to gather more information and crush any biases, attachments to outcomes, old belief systems, or assumptions that create tunnel vision or distractions when we are interacting with children in our care. They will also learn about listening intuitively to children, believing a child, get more information, pick up on verbal and non-verbal cues, using discernment, setting healthy boundaries, and how to teach children to do the same. Fortunately, we as Educators are in a position to help and educate children and families and be a part of a circle of support and guidance for them.



### Registration Information

- **Wednesday November 6, 2024**
- 6:30 to 8:30 pm (Virtual)
- Niagara Educators: No Charge | Outside Niagara Educators: \$55
- [Click here to register](#)

**Alison Grbic** is an Early Childhood Educator who has been in the field of Child Care & Early Learning serving families & children ages 0-12 years old, for over 30 years. She has experience in many leadership roles such as a Supervisor/Manager of various child care centres, before/after school & summer camp programs; Owner/Operator of 2 child care centres; Manager of 5 Ontario Early Years Centres; ECE Field Advisor for Seneca college and currently over 10 years as Senior Manager of 19 Early On Child & Family Centres with the TCDSB and business owner of an educational/professional development & training company, On Eagles Wings. Alison is a strong advocate for early learning programs/services, community growth & development and mindful, intuitive teaching & leadership focusing on the value of each individual. She is passionate about supporting & empowering educators, parents, families and children and aims to help them reach new heights as they move along the continuum of their own unique learning journey!



## Other Resources

FACs Niagara: [Click here](#)

College of Early Childhood Educators – Professional Advisory: Duty to Report: [click here](#) to read

Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect: It's Your Duty - Your responsibilities under the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017: [click here](#) to read

Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017, S.O. 2017, c. 14, Sched. 1: [click here](#) to read