

## Engage and Connect Remotely with Quality Child Care Niagara

The QCCN Team invites you to join our QCCN Community Conversation Cafés for a drop-in chat via Zoom, in order to come together as a community of practice and to connect with your Niagara child care colleagues as well as answer any questions you have about Quality Child Care Niagara

**QCCN Community Conversation Café: Engaging Families through the completion of the Disc Preschool Screen (DPS) ([click here to register](#))**

**Wednesday November 24, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**

According to *Webster's New World College Dictionary* (4th ed.), to "engage" is "to draw into, involve, to attract and to hold". In this conversation café, we will have discussions on how completing the DISC Preschool Screen (DPS) presents an opportunity to establish ongoing and responsive relationships with families and engage them in our programs. Interested in learning more about the DPS or want to learn how to best implement the tool? Join the QCCN Team as we reflect on how the tool can build on trust and communication with families, embark on having the conversation, and impart practical tips for successful implementation.

**QCCN Community Conversation Café: Supporting your Early Learning Environment ([click here to register](#))**

**Wednesday December 15, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**

The environment is often referred to as the "third educator" due to its importance in early learning. In this conversation café we will discuss how a positive environment that is rich in a variety of experiences, materials, and opportunities can support children's learning and the development of the whole child. Join the QCCN Team as we highlight tools and resources that can provide us with strategies for increasing quality in our environments.

**QCCN Community Conversation Café: Building a Reflective Program ([click here to register](#))**

**Wednesday January 19, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**

Research on quality practices encourages educators to regularly reflect on their practice and to share and discuss their reflections with other educators and the families in our programs to support quality. Join the QCCN Team as we examine how reflective programming can support us in many aspects of our work, including building effective and authentic partnerships with colleagues and families, guiding children's behaviour, and how to utilize these reflections in our program.

**QCCN Community Conversation Café: Starting Conversations Through Interacting and Connecting**  
([click here to register](#))

**Wednesday February 16, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**

We know relationships are at the very heart of early learning. In this conversation café, we will look at how children learn through their relationships with the three educators (families, educators, and environment). Strategies will be explored that we can incorporate into our practice to build and strengthen these connections through our daily conversations and interactions.

**Is there a topic you would like to see for a future Conversation Cafe? Connect with the QCCN Team to share your thoughts!**

## **QCCN Training – New Dates!**

We are excited to announce that the two-day, in person QCCN Reflective Practice Institute is being offered as five (5) webinar modules that will be offered through pre-recorded Zoom webinar for your safety and convenience.

This training is available for educators supporting infant, toddler, and preschool programs who did not previously participate in the two-day QCCN Reflective Practice Institutes or the Fall QCCN Reflective Practice Institute Webinar. Three (3) QCCN training rotations will be offered as pre-recorded webinars and educators can select and register for one of three rotations to complete over a three-month period.

When registering for the QCCN Reflective Practice Institute Pre-Recorded Webinar Modules, individuals will be committing to:

- Completing all five (5) Pre-Recorded Webinar Modules, QCCN Training Evaluations and Training Feedback Survey over a three-month period
- Saving or printing a copy of the QCCN Training Evaluation to share with their centre Supervisor

After registering, participants will receive an email with all **five (5) webinar module links, QCCN Training Evaluation and Training Feedback Survey link**. A certificate will be provided following the completion of all components of QCCN Reflective Practice Institute training. [Click here](#) to register.

## **Date Options and the Five Modules**

January 25 - April 26, 2022

May 17 - August 16, 2022

September 13 - December 13, 2022

**Module 1: Introduction to QCCN Reflective Practice Institute and DPS Module**

**Module 2: Environmental Supports**

**Module 3: QCCN Developmental Planning Tools**

**Module 4: Becoming a Reflective Practitioner and Engaging Family and Children**

**Module 5: Speech & Language and Emergent Literacy**

## **New! QCCN Information Pages**

The QCCN Team are excited to share newly created QCCN Information Pages. These pages were designed to include a variety of tips and suggestions for how centres can incorporate the use of the QCCN tools and resources in their programs as well as to highlight some key information to put into practice. Click the links below to view and/or download

[\*\*DISC Preschool Screen \(DPS\) Information Page\*\*](#)

[\*\*Speech and Language Referral Checklist Information Page\*\*](#)

[\*\*Behaviour C.A.R.E. Information Page\*\*](#)

[\*\*Environmental Rating Scales Information Page\*\*](#)

[\*\*Caregiver Interaction Scale Information Page\*\*](#)

[\*\*Program Profile Information Page\*\*](#)

[\*\*QCCN Resources Information Page\*\*](#)

These resources and many more will soon be found on our updated QCCN Website, stay tuned for details!