



## The Couch Exchange: Professional Learning Opportunities and Resources from the Comfort of Your Own Home – Issue 39

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

### Online Webinars and Training for Educators and Administrators

- AECEO: Next Steps for Child Care Advocacy in Ontario – **June 15, 2021** at **7:00 pm**: [click here](#)
- STEAM in Outdoor Environments – **June 17, 2021** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**: [click here](#)
- Removing Barriers to Play – **June 21, 2021** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**: [click here](#)
- Take It Outside A Nature Perspective Series – Risky Play Throughout the Day – **June 22, 2021** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**: [click here](#)
- Lost Art of Music and Movement – **June 23, 2021** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**: [click here](#)
- AECEO: A Province-wide Conversation with Kindergarten RECEs - **June 23, 2021** at **7:00 pm**: [click here](#)
- Utilizing Shared Spaces in School Aged Programs – **June 24, 2021** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**: [click here](#)
- Reflecting on Pedagogical Leadership Journey – **June 25, 2021** from **9:00 to 11:00 am**: [click here](#)
- Sharing the Value of Unstructured Play Experiences with Families and Colleagues – **June 26, 2021** from **9:30 to 11:00 am**: [click here](#)
- Treasure Baskets for Infants and Toddlers – **June 28, 2021** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**: [click here](#)
- Making Children’s Learning Visible – **June 29, 2021** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**: [click here](#)
- Can Employers Mandate COVID Vaccines for Employees? – **July 8, 2021** from **1:30 to 3:30 pm**: [click here](#)



## Diversity and Inclusion

- Ontario Celebrates National Indigenous History Month: [click here](#)
- Non-Indigenous people — here's what you can do, right now: [click here](#)
- One Was Too Many: [click here](#)
- Anti-racism as part of your Continuous Professional Learning: [click here](#)
- Does learning about anti-Black racism count as a professional learning activity? Absolutely! [click here](#)
- Helping Children Respect and Appreciate Diversity: [click here](#)
- How to Talk Honestly With Children About Racism: [click here](#)
- 10 tips for teaching and talking to kids about race: [click here](#)
- Becoming Upended: Teaching and Learning about Race and Racism with Young Children and Their Families: [click here](#)
- Resources For Talking About Race, Racism And Racialized Violence With Kids: [click here](#)

## Resources for Pride Month

- PRIDE Niagara Website: [click here](#)
- Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity: [click here](#)
- Gender Creative Kids Canada: [click here](#)
- LGBT Youth Line: [click here](#)
- Outdoor adventures for LGBTQ+ youth - Out There Adventure: [click here](#) and The Venture Out Project: [click here](#)
- Gold Award Girl Scout works to create understanding of LGBT issues: [click here](#)
- Pride Month: Creating an Inclusive Environment for All Families: [click here](#)

## Resources for Information on Covid-19

- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Updates for Canada: [click here](#)
- Provincial and territorial resources for COVID-19: [click here](#)
- Public Health Ontario: [click here](#)
- Latest COVID-19 Updates for Ontario: [click here](#)
- Niagara Region COVID-19 Statistics: [click here](#)
- College of Early Childhood Educators COVID-19 Updates: [click here](#)
- Ontario Providing Additional Financial Support for Young Learners: [click here](#)
- Roots of Empathy – Covid-19 Resources: [click here](#)
- Connect Families to COVID-19 Benefits and Relief: [click here](#)



## Health and Wellness

- AECEO: The Early Childhood Educators' Well Being Survey and Webinar (Survey available now) – webinar: **June 16, 2021 at 7:00pm**: [click here](#)
- AECEO Survey Report - Forgotten on the front line: [click here](#)
- The Wisdom of Trauma: [click here](#)
- Researchers Have Found That Listening to Natural Sounds Like Running Water Benefits Human Health: [click here](#)

## Online Podcasts and Videos & Early Learning Websites

- How to Design a Daycare Classroom Floor Plan: [click here](#)
- The Science of Playful Learning: [click here](#)
- The 4 Benefits of Incorporating an Enrichment Program in Your Child Care: [click here](#)
- Galaxy Magic Milk Experiment: [click here](#)
- How to Make Cornstarch Slime: [click here](#)
- Epic End of Year Activities: [click here](#)
- Simply Stated Episode #5 – Trauma: [click here](#)
- Simply Stated Episode #6 – Relationships: [click here](#)
- Four Things You Might Not Know About Language Learning Difficulties in Childhood: [click here](#)
- “Message From Mother Earth”, voiced by Jane Goodall, courtesy of Asociación para la Niñez y su Ambiente (ANIA) (video): [click here](#)

## Small Business Resources and Remote Office Environments

- Holding People Accountable in a Remote World: A Recognition & Resiliency Perspective: [click here](#)
- Financial Supports Available to Small Businesses: [click here](#)
- The federal government subsidy (CERS) designed to assist with commercial rent or property expenses has been reconfigured. For more info: [click here](#)



## Outdoor Activities & Resources

- Claire Warden – Mindstretchers: [click here](#)
- 8 Cheap Gardening Hacks For Plants: [click here](#)
- International Mud Day – June 29, 2021: [click here](#)
- These City Building Beavers Are Making A Splash: [click here](#)
- 10 Ducklings Follow Mom Through Elementary School Continuing a 20-Year Tradition: [click here](#)
- Children & Nature Network webinar - Meet Me at the Trailhead – **June 29, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm:** [click here](#)

## Want to Know More about ECCDC Services?

- Check us out online at [www.eccdc.org](http://www.eccdc.org) or in person at **3550 Schmon Parkway, Thorold.**
- We are open for safe curb-side pick up and drop off of resources. We are also making resource deliveries directly to centres. Please contact the ECCDC at **905.646.7311 ext. 304** to make arrangements.
- The ECCDC offers a resource lending library of pedagogical materials, specialized workroom, an on-site conference room and a boardroom available for booking.
- Want to purchase items from a distance? We offer an online **EStore** of items including Personal Protective Equipment: [click here](#)
- Our organization supports early learning programs with organizational supports including indoor and outdoor environmental design services, team building, board development, curriculum planning and everything in between!
- The ECCDC designs and delivers professional learning opportunities in person and via webinar on a range of topics. We can customize and deliver to small or large groups, and we always have sessions advertised for anyone to join. [Click here](#) to see what we have scheduled or register for one of our sessions.

## Uplifting Stories of the Week

- Artist Fills Public Potholes With Colorful Mosaics – Restoring Roads and Sidewalks: [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 Couch Exchange.