

# Back to Basics Series

Change management and time management are becoming increasingly important within the early learning field and have taken our attention away from three of the most critical components of a quality early learning environment: time, environment, and play. This newly designed series will offer participants an opportunity to reflect on how time and schedules are implemented within daily practice, the environment from a child's view, and how we are positioned to communicate the value of play to families.

## T.I.M.E

T.I.M.E. - Take Individual Moments Everyday. Our schedules are full and time is of the essence, so how can we be mindful of our time? What do we need to consider for change? A journey to reflect on our schedules, tasks and daily practice to create a holistic action plan. A variety of hands-on tools and tricks will be explored throughout the session offering you time to see what fits your lifestyle.

**Wednesday March 7, 2018**

6:30 to 8:30 pm

ECCDC Conference Room,  
3340 Schmon Parkway,  
Thorold

\$45 includes materials and  
nutrition break

## Environment

Environments as the third educator - what do we need to consider? Take a step back and reflect on your environment. Does it reflect those living in the space? Can children lead their own play? Moving from structured play to unstructured play, can the children extend and plan their play while engaging in a variety of hands-on materials? Come join us for an opportunity to rethink your current space and redesign the environment to support learning.

**Tuesday April 3, 2018**

6:30 to 8:30 pm

ECCDC Conference Room, 3340  
Schmon Parkway, Thorold

\$45 includes materials and  
nutrition break

## Play - What Is It All About?

How do we define play? What do children learn through play? What does play consist of? What is involved in play? Structured vs. unstructured. So many theories and ideas are floating around about play and its role in children's lives. Play is a right of every child and all children need time and space for free play every day. What does that look like in our centres? How do we engage parents in the conversation about the intentionality behind play? We will have an opportunity to engage in discussion and reflect on different theories as well as look at how to communicate the message to families through documentation.

**Tuesday May 8, 2018**

6:30 to 8:30 pm

ECCDC Conference Room, 3340  
Schmon Parkway, Thorold

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nutrition break



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