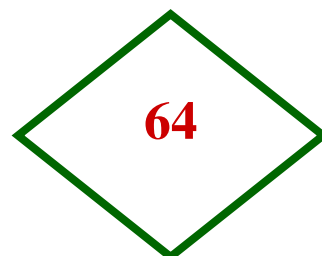
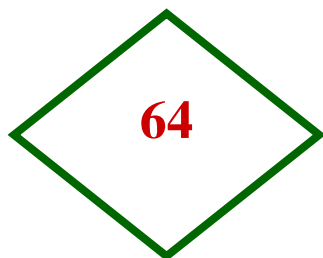


***100th AKDN Early
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Resource Update
November 26th, 2021***



***100th AKDN ECD Resource Update
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***His Highness the Aga Khan
Foundation Stone Ceremony of the Ismaili
Centre Dubai - 13th December, 2003***

The Foundation Ceremony took place on 13 December 2003 in the presence of Mawlana Hazar Imam and His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Deputy Chairman of the Dubai Executive Council and President of the Department of Civil Aviation, who represented Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai. Designed by Egyptian architect Rami El Dahan, the Centre would be built on 13 200 square metres of land, gifted by the Crown Prince.

Video of the Ceremony

<https://the.ismaili/ismailicentres/dubai/video-foundation-ceremony-dubai>





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December 5, 2021 – National Volunteers Day

<https://www.unicef.org/sdgs>

December 10, 2020 - Human Rights Day

<http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>

January 8, 2022 – 4th Anniversary of the Opening of the ECD
Program in Tajikistan

<https://www.agakhanschools.org/Tajikistan/AKL/Index>

January 17, 2022 - Kid Inventors' Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/kid-inventors-day>

February 21, 2022 – International Mother Language Day

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/mother-language-day>

November 14-18, 2022 – World Nursery Rhyme Week

<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>

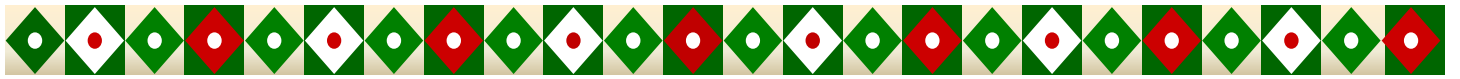


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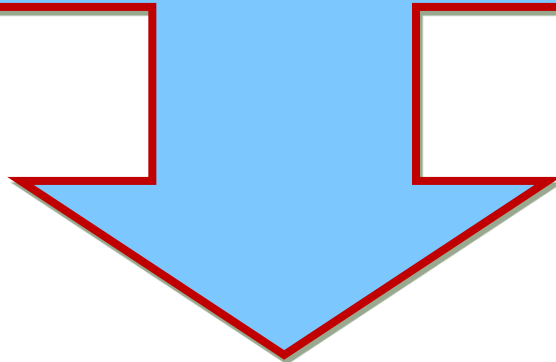
The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning is helping make evidence-based social and emotional learning an integral part of education from preschool through high school.

<https://casel.org/fundamentals-of-sel/what-is-the-casel-framework/>





***Early Childhood
Virtual
Conferences***





Early Childhood Virtual Conferences

Conferences in 2022

NEW Early Years Virtual Conference

March 1-2, 2022

Disruption and Transformation, where we will reflect on and explore the important but delicate relationship between these two forces. We invite those in the early childhood development, intervention and family support fields to attend the Early Years Conference 2022. We will explore the factors impacting children's development and family support services during this challenging time.

<https://eyc2022.com/>

Addressing Challenging Behavior

April 19-22, 2022 – Tampa, Florida

The National Training Institute on Effective Practices aims to provide professionals with an in-depth, intensive learning experience around the Pyramid Model framework for addressing the social and emotional development and challenging behavior of young children.

<https://nti.cbcs.usf.edu/>

World Forum on Early Care and Education

May 16-19, 2022 - Orlando, Florida, USA

Join early childhood professionals and advocates from around the world who will assemble in Orlando to engage in work and dialogue to impact the futures of young children and families.

<https://worldforumfoundation.org/orlando-event/>

NEW Child in the City Cascais Seminar

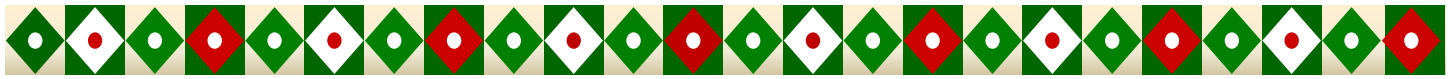
How to make children's rights mainstream in local policy planning?

May 19-20, 2022 – Cascais, Portugal

The Child in the City Foundation and the City of Cascais are looking forward to welcoming you to the international seminar. Field experts will share their experiences on different aspects of highlighting children's rights: what challenges and problems they face, how to engage young people in the process and how to keep focusing on child-friendly policy in hard times of lockdown and isolation.

<https://www.childinthecity.org/2021-cascais/>





Conferences in 2022

NEW Coaching in Education Conference Online
Going Global: Celebrating International Perspectives
March 1-2, 2022

Building on the quality and reputation of our previous face-to-face conferences, this year you will have the opportunity to learn from practitioners making an impact in different systems and different educational settings all over the world.

<https://www.coachedconference.com/>

Child in the City Conference
October 5-7, 2022 Dublin, Ireland

The world conference, which takes place every two years, is a key opportunity for children's professionals, city planners, social workers, academics, designers and policymakers to share knowledge, good practice and research findings from the various disciplines that are important to the shared aim of creating child-friendly cities.

<https://www.childinthecity.org/conference/>

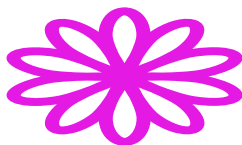
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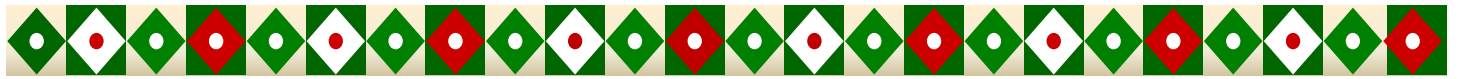
Conferences in 2023, 2024 & 2025

World Forum on Early Care and Education
April 16-19, 2024
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

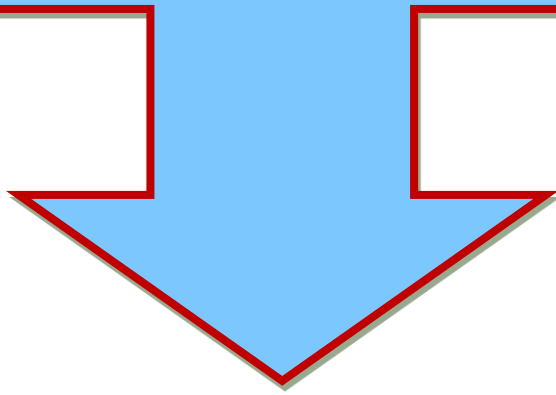
Join early childhood professionals and advocates from around the world who will assemble in Orlando to engage in work and dialogue to impact the futures of young children and families.

<https://worldforumfoundation.org/2024-event/>





***Online Learning
for Early
Childhood
Educators***





NEW Online Learning for Early Childhood Educators

(Cost) Positive Schools Online

The Positive Schools Online service will offer evidence based, very affordable, convenient and highly meaningful learning for educators and school communities.

<http://www.positiveschools.online/>

(Cost) Administration of Early Childhood Programs

This interactive course acquaints participants with critical elements in establishing and operating a childcare center. It will explore state regulations, staff relationships business practices, parent communication and community relationships.

<https://earlychildhoodprofessionaldevelopment.com/course/administration-of-early-childhood-programs-winter-2020-copy/>

(Cost) Institute of Child Psychology

The Institute of Child Psychology is offering courses on anxiety, trauma, emotional regulation, grief and loss and much more. More information through the link below.

<https://instituteofchildpsychology.com/product-category/online-webinars-and-courses/>

(Cost) Self-Compassion for Educators – Online Program

Mindful Schools is offering a 6-week training is designed for educators to dive into the *research, practice, and experience* of self-compassion. Enhance your well-being and revitalize your deep motivation for helping others

<https://www.mindfulschools.org/>

<https://www.mindfulschools.org/training/self-compassion-for-educators/>

(Cost) Outdoor Classrooms

Online Courses for Outdoor Classrooms

A variety of topics for outdoors

<https://www.outdoor-classrooms.com/courses/>

(No Cost) Cox Campus

Early Childhood Video Based Courses

Sign up and you can access the modules free of charge

<https://app.coxcampus.org/#!/courses/categories>





NEW Online Learning for Early Childhood Educators

Certificate in Early Education Leadership

The Saul Zaentz Early Education Initiative – Harvard Graduate School of Education

The Certificate in Early Education Leadership (CEEL) is a first-of-its-kind, job-embedded, online program that provides early education leaders with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to strengthen learning environments and foster quality improvement in all early education settings.

<https://zaentz.gse.harvard.edu/programs/certificate-in-early-education-leadership/>

(COST) Online Mindful Parenting Course

The online course offers a practical and approachable guide to integrating mindfulness into parenting. Through journaling and physical exercises, the instructor guides her students through a clearer understanding of their current experience of parenthood, what has shaped it, and how mindfulness can influence the adventure.

<https://childlight.teachable.com/p/mindful-parenting>

(Cost) High Scope

Online courses are designed to cover a wide variety of topics, learning takes place within an interactive community of teachers, caregivers, and trainers.

<https://secure.highscope.org/ecom/categorypage/2f2972a3-af36-45c1-af7f-35f260538532>

(COST) Shift-it-Coach – Graphic Facilitation Training

The Fundamentals of Working visually teaches the four main approaches: Graphic Facilitation, Graphic Coaching, Graphic Recording and Studio Work. In this fun and interactive training, you'll learn foundational theory and the skills of working visually.

<https://www.shift-it-coach.com/training/fundamentals/>

(No Cost) Math At Home – Eight Course Online Curriculum Professional Development Series for Early Childhood Educators

This eight-course online curriculum introduces teachers and caregivers to mathematical concepts such as math literacy, number sense, patterns, geometry, measurement, data collection and math processes. Each lesson also includes tips on setting up a math-enriched environment, as well as animations, interviews with math experts, videos of children and teachers in classroom settings and links to the Math at Home website.

<https://mathathome.earlymathcounts.org/early-math-matters/>

Create an account to register: <http://www.earlylearning.online/login/index.php>





NEW Online Learning for Early Childhood Educators

(COST) Early Childhood and Autism Spectrum Online Course

Friend 2 Friend Social Learning Society's Early Childhood and the Autism Spectrum is a professional development workshop or online course, specially designed for Early Childhood Educators and parents of young children with and without autism ages 3 to 7. Using real-life case studies, video instruction and interactive activities, this course is designed to support participants to gain a better understanding of the peer play and friendship needs of young children with autism.

<https://www.friend2friendsociety.org/early-childhood-and-the-autism-spectrum/>

Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Family Literacy

Our program is designed to help you understand the key components of family literacy including:

- how to understand children's language and literacy development and support academic success
- how the role of adult education relates to adult learners' needs and their roles as caregivers, workers, and community members
- how to strengthen and enhance parents' knowledge of their roles and responsibilities as their children's first teachers
- how to engage in interactive literacy activities with children and how to engage with schools and teachers

<https://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates/family-literacy-certificate/overview>

(NO COST) CMAS Online Learning

List of Online Tutorials, Webinars and e-Courses

- ♠ The Importance of Early Identification
- ♠ Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention
- ♠ Separation Anxiety and Culture Shock
- ♠ Working with Newcomer Families

Free training: You can start the course through the link below:

<https://cmascanada.ca/cnc/learning-centre/online-learning-centre/>

(COST) (Newly Courses Added) Online ePyramid Modules

Infant Toddler ePyramid Module Package

Preschool ePyramid Module Package

Birth – Five ePyramid Module Package

Trauma Informed Care and Pyramid Model

Wellness: Taking Care of Yourself

<http://www.pyramidmodel.org/services/online-training/>



NEW Online Learning for Early Childhood Educators

(No Cost) Emerging Minds Online Courses

The National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health offers innovative online courses specifically designed to support your practice. Our courses are innovative, interactive, engaging, free and contain invaluable practical demonstrations to help you put learning into practice. Register to create a free account.

<https://emergingminds.com.au/training/online-training/>

(Cost) Pyramid Model Recorded Webinars

A series of recorded webinars available to view for educators and practitioners

<https://challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu/training/Webinar/archive/>

<https://challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu/resources/index.html>

(Cost) Mindstretchers - Resources and Online Courses

Floorbooks, Floorbooks and the Brain, Risk it, Nature Pedagogy and more.....

<http://www.mindstretchers.co.uk/>

<http://www.claire-warden.com/online-courses-and-webinars/>

(Cost) Online Course - Finding Calm in the Chaos

Weekly coaching sessions that will focus on managing our emotional reactivity in response to the world around us.

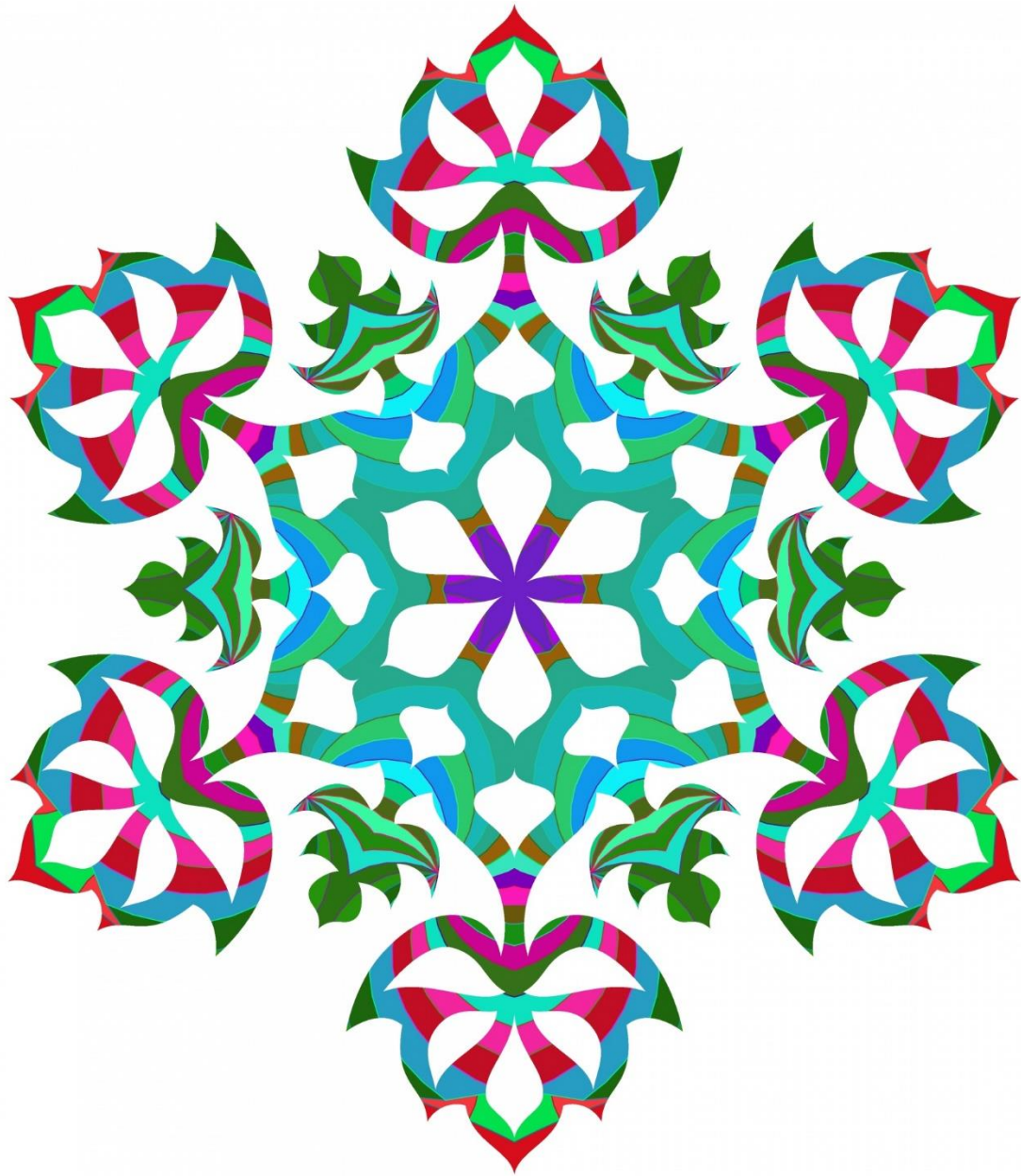
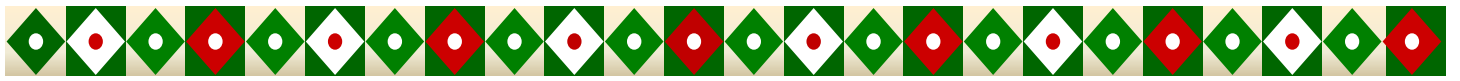
<https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/products/finding-calm-in-the-chaos-lewtl>

(COST) MindBE curriculum

The MindBE curriculum is a researched based programme designed to reduce stress in both teachers and students, create calmer, more focussed classrooms, develop self-regulation skills and allow children to become kinder, more empathetic and caring. The 30-lesson programme incorporates printable puppets and resources to teach children the skills of mindfulness.

<https://mindbe.org/mindbe-curriculum>



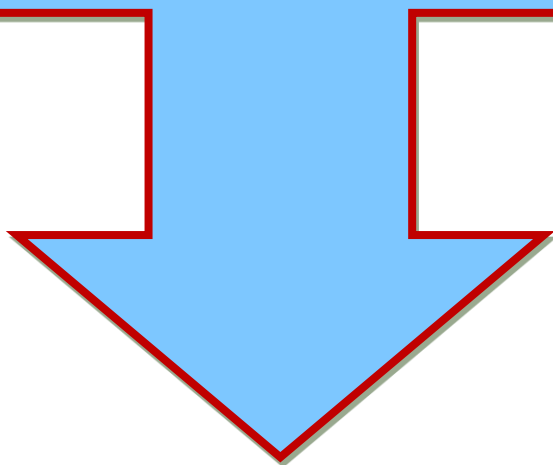


2022 is around the corner.....





***Early Childhood
Websites for
Educators,
Families and
Administrators***





NEW Refugee Resources for Educators, Families and Leaders

NEW 5 Ways Immigrant Parents Support Children's Home Language Learning

It is important to preserve and develop a child's home language for their cultural, linguistic and social development. Research shows that English plays a dominant role in schools and society at large, while children's diverse home languages are often marginalized. Languages other than English are often not welcomed or encouraged in classrooms.

<https://theconversation.com/5-ways-immigrant-parents-support-childrens-home-language-learning-165989>

NEW Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years - Film Screening

Reflecting on Anti-bias Education in Action: The Early Years. The film shifts the focus away from the talking heads of experts and on to the voices of teachers committed to equity and diversity on a daily basis. By taking viewers into diverse early childhood classrooms, the film seeks to demonstrate the importance of teacher reflection on identity, context, and practice in anti-bias education and provides a much-needed resource for teacher education and professional development.

<https://vimeo.com/643563736/f33d635e9e>

NEW Building a Home – A Free Picture Book Shares Experiences of Immigrant Children - Available Online In 7 Languages.

Building a Home is inspired by the candid accounts and beautiful artwork shared by six children from Syria, Kazakhstan, Mexico, and Pakistan who are now living, playing, and going to school in Nogojiwanong-Peterborough.

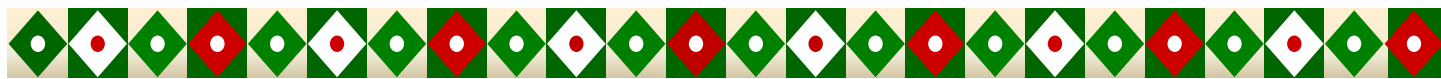
<https://nccpeterborough.ca/buildingahome/>

NEW Striving for Equity for Young Children of Immigrants with Disabilities

One of the most pressing challenges educators face around the world is how to successfully engage and collaborate with immigrant families. Those who support children's anytime, anywhere learning sometimes need additional tools to understand the strengths and needs of immigrant and refugee families and to address the language, cultural, economic and other barriers to family engagement from early childhood through early adulthood.

<https://globalfrp.org/Articles/Striving-for-Equity-for-Young-Children-of-Immigrants-with-Disabilities>





Coronavirus Information for Educators, Families and Administrators

NEW Focus on Ethics - The Code and COVID-19

COVID-19 has reshaped the way we provide early care and education. We are recognizing unimagined impacts on our teaching and caregiving on our mental and physical well-being, and on children's learning and development. These changes have influenced our interactions with children, families, colleagues, and our wider communities. In the brief exchanges in the opening vignette, we can identify some of the many changes occurring in early childhood settings.

<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/yc/sept2020/focus-on-ethics>

Anti-Bias, Diversity, Bilingualism, Language, Peace & Pluralism

NEW Video: A Study of the Play of Dual Language Learners in an English-Speaking Classroom

Learning how to interact with other children is an important life skill and a key objective of most early childhood programs. But what happens when a child arrives at preschool with limited English language skills? How do they learn to engage socially, and how can teachers support them? This video highlights findings from a qualitative study looking at the play of dual language learners in a predominantly English-speaking classroom.

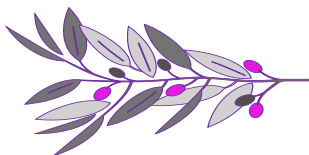
<https://www.easternct.edu/center-for-early-childhood-education/research/researchclips/play-of-dual-language-learners-study.html>

Early Mental Health and Trauma Websites

NEW The Wisdom of Trauma

"Trauma is not what happens to you. Trauma is what happens inside you, as a result of what happens to you." – Gabor Mate

<https://thewisdomoftrauma.com/>



Grief Websites

NEW Teaching Compassion on the Death of a Grandparent

One of the most challenging things to teach children is how to deal with the loss of a loved one. Yet it is an important aspect of their development that warrants attention; research shows that nine out of ten children will experience the loss of a family member or close friend.

<https://www.childhoodexplorer.org/compassion>

NEW Explaining Death to Children Begins with Loving Presence

Research shows that most children experience the loss of someone they love by the time they finish high school. Nine in 10 children will grieve the loss of a family member or close friend. One in 20 will lose a parent. Children's losses are diverse, from losing a grandparent from Alzheimer's disease to losing a parent from cancer or a classmate from a school shooting. This article is about ways of explaining death to children and how to help them cope with the death of someone close.

<https://www.rootsofaction.com/explaining-death-to-children/>

NEW Handbook Activities For Sharing

Activities are available for download in order to share to share with families and community partners working in grief and bereavement. These are very well written activities to try with children and youth.

<https://www.childrenandyouthgriefnetwork.com/activities-for-sharing/>





Early Childhood Websites for Educators

NEW Aga Khan University Launches Workforce Online Hub

AKU's Institute for Human Development launched a virtual Early Childhood Development Workforce Hub that aims to bridge gaps that hinder children in resource-constrained and marginalised areas from achieving their developmental potential. It will provide relevant information, courses and trainings to caregivers, frontline workers, policymakers, practitioners and other key stakeholders in early childhood development.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=takKPO26gQU>

NEW (No Cost) Nutrition Webinar

Hungry or Full? Responsive feeding in young children

Date: December 14, 2021

The early years are a crucial window for the rapidly developing child to learn to accept and like healthy foods and establish long-term dietary patterns that can reduce risk of obesity, chronic diseases, and oral health problems. Given that the foods young children are exposed to depend primarily on their caregiver, feeding practices associated with healthy eating are a key area of interest. More responsive feeding styles, understanding and responding to when children feel hungry or full have been widely advocated for establishing longer term positive eating behaviours.

Register: <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/training-and-events/current-training-and-events/2021/hungry-or-full-responsive-feeding-in-young-children/>

NEW (COST) Embracing challenge: Research in early childhood Virtual Conference

February 10-11, 2022

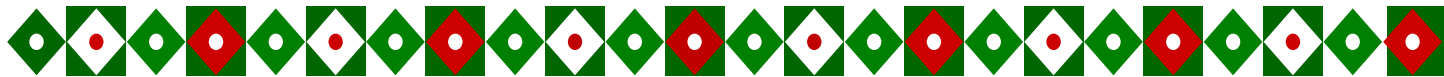
We invite early childhood practitioners, researchers, leaders, academics and students to exchange ideas, innovative research methodologies and findings. The symposium will also discuss the latest research and pedagogical practice.

This virtual research symposium will explore the notion of embracing challenge in early childhood research within the following streams:

- Multiple pedagogies for play and learning
- The future of the early childhood workforce
- Exploring change: Children, families and professionals
- Theory, methodology and research innovation.

<http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/events/ajecsymposium/>





Early Childhood Websites for Families

NEW Parental Burnout and a Reasonable Approach to Screens (Soundcloud and Transcript)

he latest research on the effects of screens on young children along with a plethora of practical alternatives. Both Janet and Meghan acknowledge that during the last many months of homeschooling, severely limited socializing, and close quarters, exhausted parents have understandably relied on screens to get some much needed (and deserved) break-time.

<https://www.janetlansbury.com/2021/09/parental-burnout-and-a-reasonable-approach-to-screens-with-dr-meghan-owenz/>

NEW (No Cost) Fatherhood Fundamentals Course

Many dads also feel alone and without dad-specific support, which leaves them feeling out of control in their own lives. Have you ever felt that way? That's why Dad Central and Connected Dads created the "Fatherhood Fundamentals" email course. Register free through the link below.

<https://dadcentral.ca/fatherhood-fundamentals/>

Infant-Toddler Websites

NEW Kids Care Canada Videos in Translated Languages

From the link below you can explore the video library in English and other languages.

- 01 – Social Emotional Basics
 - 02 – Mindful Parenting
 - 03 – Most Watched
 - 04 – Postpartum Depression
 - 05 - Anxiety, Stress and Adversity
 - 06 – Language Development
 - 07 – Healthy Development
 - 08 – Father's Role
 - 09 – Bathing Baby
 - 10 – Baby Massage
 - 11 – Family and Community
 - 12 – Science and Research
 - 13 – Parenting Advice under 1 minute
- <https://kidcarecanada.org/video-search/>





Early Childhood Websites for Administrators

NEW Building a Community of Practice

A Peer-mentoring model was used as new ECEs acknowledged that they had value and have things to contribute in a mentoring relationship. By using a non-hierarchical approach, we hope that learning would occur for both new and experienced early childhood educators.

<https://ecepeermentoring.trubox.ca/what-helped-built-this-community-of-practice/>

Schools of Excellence Podcast Break the Cycle of Stress and Burnout

Burnout not only hurts our productivity, it also affects our mental and physical well being. In fact, there is evidence that links burnout to weakened immune systems and even cardiovascular disease. This is the first of a 3 part series - Break the Cycle in Your Center - that is being sponsored by our upcoming workshop, Delegate to Elevate. The next two parts cover the delegating and managing up cycle and the accountability vs excuses cycle. By the end of this 3-part series, you should have gained perspective, awareness, clarity and strategy on what you're actually dealing with.

<https://schoolsofexcellence.com/break-the-cycle-of-stress-and-burnout/>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/schools-of-excellence-podcast/id1553294786>

Free Weekly Exchange Resources

To support early childhood professionals worldwide in their efforts to craft early childhood environments where adults and children thrive, they are offering a weekly free resource. Sign up here to receive a selected Exchange Press Resource.

<https://www.childcareexchange.com/free-resource-sign-up/>

Research in Early Childhood

NEW Resilience

Reducing the effects of significant adversity on children's healthy development is essential to the progress and prosperity of any society. Science tells us that some children develop **resilience**, or the ability to overcome serious hardship, while others do not. Understanding why some children do well despite adverse early experiences is crucial, because it can inform more effective policies and programs that help more children reach their full potential.

<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/resilience/>



Early Childhood Webinars

NEW Rejuvenate Preschool Environments on a Budget: Tips, Ideas and Resources

Date: December 1, 2021

It is time to take a step back and assess your program or classroom's environment! With a new year on the horizon, look around as if from a young child's perspective. Bend down. See with fresh eyes. Hopefully you feel... a sense of welcoming, calm and order.

Register: <https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/webinars/>

Important Note



Please note **AKDN ECD Resource Update** with compiled information will be emailed to you at the end of each month. If you have any questions regarding the above resources or are looking for a specific resource, please do not hesitate to contact me, Naznin A. Dhanani, ECE, ITE, FRP. at 786kidzzone@gmail.com

*The next **101** AKDN ECD
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The Global Centre for Pluralism
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Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture
The Aga Khan Hospitals
The Aga Khan Academies
Aga Khan Agency for Habitat
Aga Khan Agency for Microfinance
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