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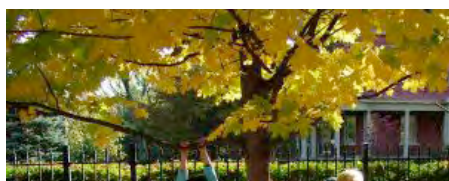
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The Canadian Association
for Young Children



L'Association Canadienne
pour les Jeunes Enfants

Director's Welcome

Hello and Welcome to fall!

Here in southern Alberta we have had a very warm and sunny September and with October here it appears that the cooler days of fall will arrive as I write to you all this week. The first snow, at least for me, is a reminder that thinking about new and creative ways to bring the outdoors in for young children is crucial. You really can't beat the smell of fall leaves and the smiles that come with them and each dried bag of rocks and sticks that preschoolers bring to you with pride.

It is with great mounting excitement as well that CAYC Alberta and Northwest Territories has an update for the National Conference being held here in Calgary.



Canadian Association for Young Children | L'Association Canadienne Pour Les Jeunes Enfants

C.A.Y.C.

Presents...

"NEW FRONTIERS FOR CHILDREN: OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER"



New
Dates

When? April 30th to May 1st 2010

Where? Calgary, Alberta CANADA



Visit **C.A.Y.C.**
for an **update** and to view the
"Call for Proposals"

www.cayc.ca

Watch for exciting
Registration news
coming soon!

www.cayc.ca

Emails continue to fly and our Conference Committee has been meeting over a myriad of details. Our venue has been finalized and we can now confirm that we will be holding the Conference at [The Carriage House Inn](#) on South Macleod Trail. It is a very friendly and professional location with subsidized taxi fares to and from the Calgary International Airport for out-of-town delegates, complimentary internet, an environmental policy, and an in-house bakery that I am told is excellent! A block of rooms has been arranged for us that will save delegates a few dollars from the usual rate as you plan your budget to consider making the trip. We will update our information as it becomes available, and in the near future you can look forward to a website dedicated to our National Conference.

However, our **biggest** piece of news is the confirmation of our Key Note Speaker, [Mr. Dan Hodgins](#). An internationally renowned Early Childhood Consultant from Flint, Michigan. I had the pleasure of spending time with Dan this summer while attending the "Good Stuff for Kids" Conference and knew that he was exactly the type of Professional that we all could benefit from. His insightful presentations are based on current research and are filled with practical and effective strategies that can be put to work in anyone's practice.



We are hopeful to have Dan's newly released book, "Boys: Changing the Classroom, Not the Child" (Wilderness Press) available at the Conference for signing. It is in this area that I personally gleaned many new ideas from Dan on enjoying the delight that young boys bring to the playroom. With over thirty years working as a teacher, director, and educator in both the public and private sector, Dan has also been involved with children at risk, those with special needs and families with diverse challenges. I am confident you will appreciate his front-line, concrete ideas as well as the understanding and humour that Dan is known for.

You do not want to miss an opportunity to sit back and learn from this award-winning Presenter!

We also want to encourage you and your colleagues to consider presenting a seminar at the Conference so please go to our National website: www.cayc.ca to download the "Call for Presenters" form. The deadline is quickly approaching as we must decide on a wide range of seminars that will best speak to what we know will be a diverse group of delegates.

I encourage you to purchase a new 2010 calendar and block off the dates
April 30 to May 1.

Spring is beautiful and fresh in Calgary and we look forward to meeting YOU at:

New Frontiers For Children: Our Journey Together

*Enjoy your fall,
Rosanne Perrin,
CAYC Director,
Alberta/NWT*

Early Learning and Child Care

**Celebrate National Child Day
November 20**

What is National Child Day?_

Child care practitioners can celebrate National Child Day with the children at their centres and their families, and the community, as a means to raise awareness about children's rights. In 1993, the Government of Canada enacted Bill C-371, otherwise known as the Child Day Act, and designated November 20th as a special day set aside each year to honour and respect children – National Child Day. The Canadian Government chose this date to commemorate the adoption by the United Nations of two human rights documents on that date: the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

Twenty years have passed since Canada made a commitment to ensure that all children are treated with dignity and respect. This commitment includes that children be protected from harm, be provided with their basic needs and every opportunity to



reach their full potential, and be afforded the opportunity to have a voice. National Child Day is a time to celebrate children and their human rights and to share this important information with families and community groups. How are you going to celebrate?

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Find Resource Sheets for your program staff and parents [here](#) for National Child Day.

'Supporting Children to Learn Through Play' is another [resource sheet](#).

[Canadian Childcare Federation](#) is a wonderful website for parents and educators alike. If you haven't visited in awhile, check out what is new!

Book Review

The Parent's Tao Te Ching:
A New Interpretation Ancient Advice for Modern Parents
By William Martin
Da Capo Press

This small but concise book came at the end of a very busy summer for me and was recommended by a dear friend in the Early Learning field. This is a philosophical book of sorts but one that can speak to anyone that cares for young children, not only parents.

The author looks at ancient Taoist wisdom in the light of modern day life and living with young ones. Written in a prose style, each section beckons to you to re-read it several times since what you are reading may be from a place you have never considered.

One of the book's quotes I recall with a smile for its simplicity:
*"You do not have to make your children into wonderful people,
You only have to remind them that
they are wonderful people....."*

How true! Don't you wish you had said that?

Review by Rosanne Perrin
Playschool Director & Teacher

Website Resources

The Baby Centre

Yes the Baby Centre! A valuable resource for new parents or those who work with babies and toddlers. The place we chose to direct you to is the [Baby Games and Activities](#). A long list of things to do together with baby which encourages and promotes all areas of development. The site has plenty to browse through!

Sensory Processing Disorder Canada

www.spdcanada.org

Our Vision:

To build awareness and understanding of sensory processing disorders through education and collaboration

Sensory Processing Disorder Canada Foundation is a non-profit organization and is a member of the SPD Foundation

[What Is SPD?](#)

Sensory processing refers to our ability to take in information through our senses (touch, movement, smell



taste, vision, and hearing), organize and interpret that information, and make a meaningful response.

There are also two hidden senses called Proprioception and Vestibular. Your vestibular sense is telling you right now how to hold your head just right to be able to read this information. Proprioception is the information your body receives from muscles and joints. For example, as you sit in front of the computer, your fingers are being given information on how much force is needed for key typing and how to hold your head at the right angle for viewing.

For most people, this process is automatic. Children who have a sensory processing disorder, however, don't experience such interactions in the same way. SPD affects the way their brains interpret the information that comes in; it also affects how they respond to that information with emotional, motor, and other reactions.

Events

There are several events throughout Alberta and Northwest Territories, and all across Canada.

As professionals, we are always on the lookout to be inspired and educated, and to apply new learning to our work with children and families. Please send us your event listing or one that you are aware of and would like to share.

Calgary Parent & Educator Workshop

October 6, 2009

7:00 – 8:30pm

Calgary Learning Centre, 3930 20 St SW, Calgary, AB

Free for members of the *LDAA-CC or **CLC; \$10 for non-members

*Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta - Calgary Chapter

**Calgary Learning Centre

Introduction to learning disabilities and what the LDAA-CC can do for your family.

Has your child been recently diagnosed with a learning disability? Are you looking for more information and resources?

Perhaps you are a teacher and want to know what you can do for students struggling with learning disabilities.

Join us for this informative session on what it means to have a learning disability and what our organization can do for you.

For more information and to register [click here!](#)

Sensory Processing Disorder Canada Foundation

October 24, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Mayfield School, 10950 - 159 Street, Edmonton

Cost: \$75 including lunch and door prizes

Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD)

- *Does your child have problems with eating, toilet training or sleeping?*
- *Is he/she constantly in motion, late in developing milestones, resistant to cuddling or only likes to cuddle with one person?*
- *Is he/she hard to calm or very oral?*
- *Does he/she have difficulty with new environments or have a 'floppy body'?*

If you answered YES to these questions, your child may have difficulty with integrating all of their senses and could have sensory processing disorder.

For more information see www.spdcanada.org

Workshop With Guest Speakers, including:

Kathy Mulka BScOT(c): MED



Featuring The Alberta premiere of "Autistic-Like: Graham's Story," a film about a boy with SPD misdiagnosed with autism.

A workshop for parents, professionals, and others impacted by children with SPD.

Presented by the Sensory Processing Disorder Canada Foundation (www.spdcanada.org).

Register at info@spdcanada.org

**The Explosive Child:
The Collaborative Problem-Solving Approach**

Dr. Ross Greene, Ph.D

Tues, November 10, 2009

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Ross Glen Hall, Mount Royal College

4825 Mount Royal Gate SW

Calgary, AB

Workshop description, Agenda, and Speaker biography are listed in [full detail here](#).

"Into The Woods"

2009 Early Childhood Education Council Annual Conference

Into the Woods: Re-Imagining Our World

Sewing Seeds of Inspiration

Nov. 12, 13 and 14, 2009

Calgary, Alberta

Featuring Keynote Speakers Barbara Mariconda & David Bouchard.

Registration deadline is October 31st, 2009. Register early to avoid disappointment!

This looks to be an exciting event for teachers Pre-K and up.

[Find all the details here.](#)

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You can become a member too!

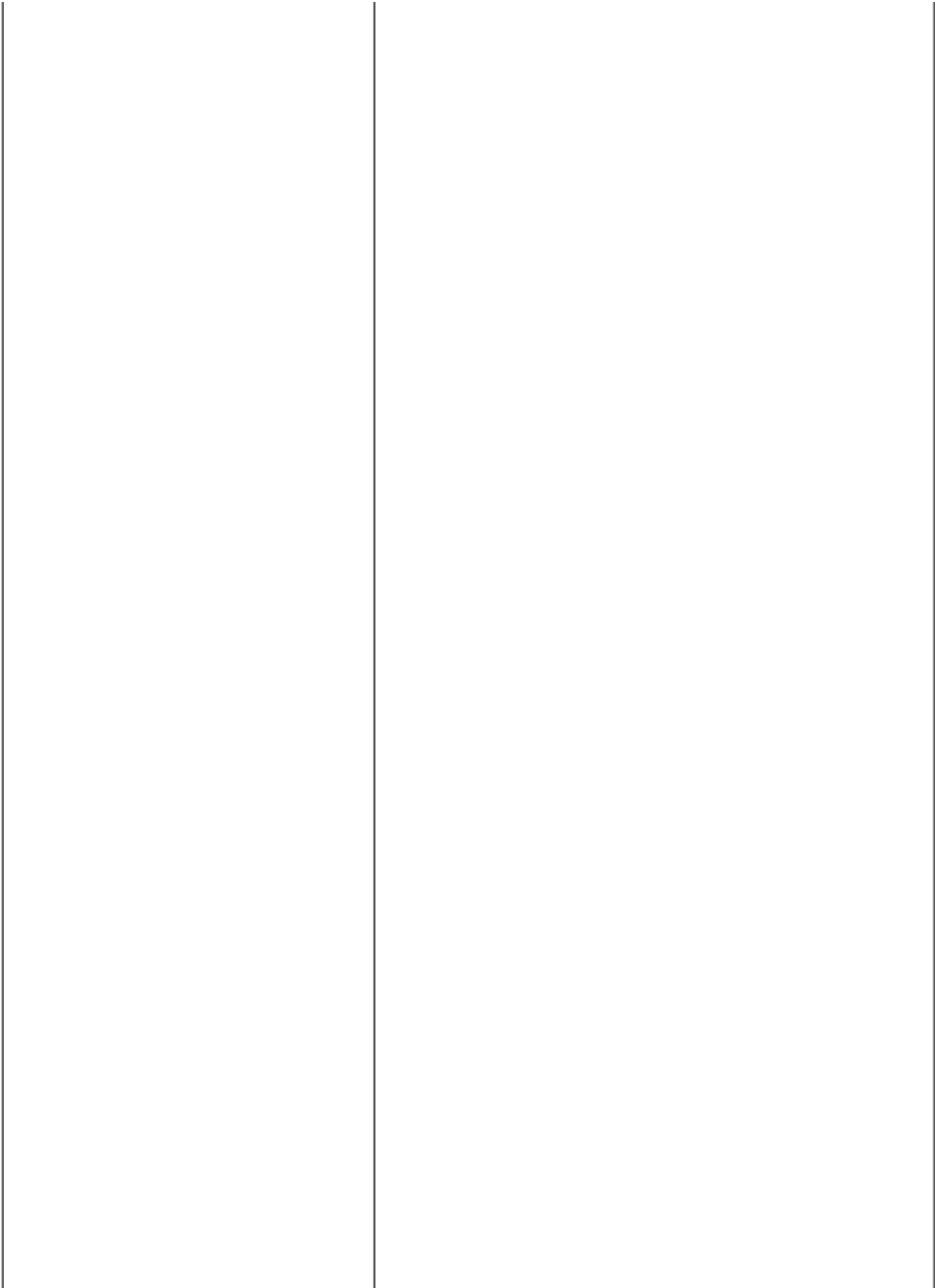
Follow this link straight to our National site and you can read how to join us. www.cayc.ca Take time and explore, there are interesting events and news to read about.

In addition to a sense of pride in joining with others on a national basis to speak out on behalf of young children - you, as a CAYC Member, will receive the following benefits:

Two issues of "**Canadian Children**" featuring current research and articles related to the care and education of young children.

Provincial newsletters featuring information about regional news, resources and **CAYC** activities.

Favorable registration rates when attending regional and national **CAYC** conferences and events.





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