

**1st Annual
“Learning is Growing”
Conference**

Saturday October 1, 2011

Arden Park Hotel
552 Ontario Street
Stratford



**Welcome
All Professionals Working with Children
Age 0 to 6**

2011 Learning is Growing Conference Program

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8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Welcome Keynote Speaker - Martin Liberio

Keynote “Inspiring Change”

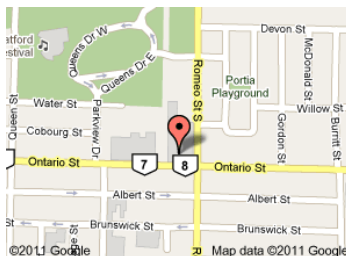
This keynote will entail the importance of play room environments and how they condition the way we feel, think, and behave; and how they dramatically affect the quality of our lives. The environment either works for us or against us as we conduct our lives. Visual environments that are dull and sterile, or random and chaotic, or that contain busy murals that appeal to older adults or complex images are negative learning settings. Character and aesthetic appeal has sometimes given way to an environment designed to offer images that adults associate with young children and often that of fast food places, such as bright colours, cartoon characters, and internet. It does not have to be that way....

9:45 am - 11:45 am	Morning Workshops
11:45 - 1:00 pm	Resource Fair Loonie Sale Networking \$ Bring Cash \$
Noon - 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch
1:15 - 3:15 pm	Afternoon Workshops

Registration Information

Conference Location:

Arden Park Hotel
552 Ontario Street
Stratford Ontario
www.ardenpark.on.ca



Registration Fee:

\$50.00 includes conference keynote and workshops, lunch and afternoon snack

Ways to Register:

There are 2 ways to register for the Learning is Growing Conference.

1. **On-Line:** If you are paying by VISA or MasterCard
<http://www.regonline.ca/learningisgrowingconference>
* group registration can be done on-line
2. **Mail:** Fill out the registration form and send with payment to:
City of Stratford - Social Services Department
82 Erie Street
Stratford Ontario
N5A 2M4
Attention: Patti Johnston

***registration deadline September 16, 2011**

Payment:

All registration must be accompanied by payment. If payment is not submitted with your registration form you will NOT be registered. If you are registering as a group by mail, please enclose all cheque(s) and attach all registration forms. Please make cheques and money orders payable to **City of Stratford.**

Registration is transferable:

Registration is non-refundable. You may transfer your registration to another person.

Confirmation of Registration:

If you have registered on-line you will receive a confirmation by email. If you registered by mail your registration will be confirmed by email or phone by September 16, 2011. If you have not received confirmation by that date, please call 519-271-3773 ext. 258.

Morning Workshops

9:45 am - 11:45 am

1. **Room Arrangement as a Teaching Tool**

Martin Liberio

This workshop will inspire educators and help guide them through their exciting journey of “change”. Educators will feel motivated to arrange their playroom environments using the various concepts that are shared throughout this workshop. A respectful playroom environment motivates young children and encourages everyday active learning; through play, respect and most of all fun! Playroom arrangement involves wonderful ideas for redesigning or designing spaces for children. This workshop will demonstrate ways of using your environments creatively, imaginatively and with care, in order that children’s play experiences may be rich and meaningful.

2. **Leaky Brakes - What they ARE, what they AREN'T**

Dr. B. Duncan McKinlay

Participants will gain an understanding of Tourette Syndrome and associated disorders, how to recognize and understand them and how not to misinterpret them.

3. **Anxiety With Preschoolers**

Shelley Kinzie & Jacki Belisario

This workshop looks at some of the types and causes of childhood anxieties. We will be reviewing some evidence based strategies to help professionals who are working with children who experience anxiety. We will also be looking at ways to support “the anxious” child in a child care environment.

4. **The Power of Two: Emergent Curriculum in the Toddler Classroom**

Anne Marie Coughlin

During this session participants will explore the principles of using an Emergent Curriculum approach with young children and explore dispositions that are helpful in their work. Participants will learn to use reflective teaching practices and will observe details in children’s activities that will transform their view of infants and toddlers.

Afternoon Workshops

1:15 pm – 3:15 pm

5. Room Arrangement as a Teaching Tool

Martin Liberio

This workshop is the same as #1 in the morning session.

6. Collaborative Problem Solving in the Early Learning Centre

Jacki Belisario & Shelley Kinzie

This workshop is based on the book “The Explosive Child” by Ross Greene. We will examine and practice an evidence-based “Collaborative Problem-Solving Approach” endorsed by Mr. Greene as well as the philosophy that guides it. Participants will learn a new way to understand and approach challenging and explosive behaviour in young children.

7. Relationship-Based Programming

Tricia Holzworth

This session will explore the role of the adult in creating relationship based programs through small groups and observation based planning. Participants will explore how a program is derived from the observation of children’s intrinsic needs and desires and how to create a responsive play program from that observation. The session will further explore how to facilitate a daily schedule that is responsive, open-ended and based on small group experiences.

8. Change is Inevitable:

How to Think and Work Your Way Through Change!

Michael Lewis

Your profession is going through a LOT of change and will you be ready when change lands on your doorstep. This seminar takes a long hard look at change and provides solutions on how you can adapt and grow through a changing career and/or life. Discover how you CAN make change work for you and learn that all change brings new opportunities in to your life.

Presenters Biographies

Martin Liberio **(Keynote and Presenter)**



Martin is a graduate from McGill University, who has taught both at the primary and college level for eleven years. He is the co-author of Educators in native Childcare Services from St-Felicien College, and author of The Educational Program: Learning through Play, as well as of the planning guide Planning for Child's Play. Early childhood education is Martin's specialty. He will help you achieve your objective of quality services for children and families. Martin's passion will inspire your entire staff and keep everyone entertained throughout the entire workshop. Martin is a trainer like no other!

Dr. B. Duncan McKinlay - Dr. McKinlay is a registered Psychologist with the College of Psychologists of Ontario. He is a member of the faculty with the Department of Psychology and Psychiatry at the University of Western Ontario. He created and leads "The Brake-Shop" an award winning and national recognized service for youth with Tourette Syndrome and associated disorders at the Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI) in London.

Shelley Kinzie, R.ECE, TR, Team Leader, Community Education Service - Shelley works in the Child and Youth Mental Health Program at McMaster Children's Hospital. She has worked in the program for nine years and graduated from the Early Childhood Education Program and has a Resource Teacher Certificate. Shelley has worked in a variety of childcare settings as a classroom teacher, support facilitator and a resource teacher. At McMaster, Shelley has worked with many high risk families and children in their home and has also provided consultation to numerous childcare and school settings. Shelley also teaches a variety of parent and child education groups at McMaster.

Jacki Belisario, R.ECE, ECE.C, Parent Therapist - Jacki works in the Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Program at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton. Jacki graduated from Mohawk College in Early Childhood Education and has specialized training in 0-6 Mental Health and Resiliency as well as Bereavement Support. Jacki has worked with many young children at risk along with their families for the past 9 years. Jacki also teaches a number of parent and child education programs for McMaster.

Anne Marie Coughlin, Professional Development Coordinator London Bridge Child Care Services, London Ontario - Anne Marie is an accomplished, passionate speaker who is regularly invited to speak at conferences and community events throughout Canada and the U.S. Her work has been mentioned in the Visionary Director and she has written several articles for Early Childhood publications such as Canadian Young Children, Child Care Exchange and Mom and Caregiver. Anne Marie currently serves as a Director on the Ontario Reggio Association Board and is Provincial Director for the Canadian Association of Young Children. Her continued commitment to children earned her a Children's Advocacy Award from the Association of Early Childhood Educators, Ontario.

Tricia Holzworth - Tricia Holzworth works for the YMCA of Greater Toronto as Manager of Training, Research & Development for Child Youth & Family Development. Her role is to develop, co-ordinate and deliver on-going professional development training for the YMCA's of Greater Toronto. Tricia also works with 48 YMCA organizations in Canada as they implement YMCA Playing to Learn, a research driven, play based program for children 0 to 6.

Michael Lewis - After an extensive corporate training background, Michael formed his own business in 1994 and brings over 24 years of speaking and presentation experience and a thorough background in leadership and staff training. Michael has been an instructor with Fanshawe College in London and St. Thomas as well as with the University of Western Ontario on topics of interpersonal communication, organizational development and entrepreneurship/business development. As a researcher in behavioural motivation, he brings a wealth of both business and interpersonal skills to every presentation. He has developed a reputation for delivering high-energy motivational presentations that gets the message across in an easy to understand manner and the language of his listeners. He has been widely featured and quoted on radio, television and through many magazines and newspapers. Currently his articles have been posted in 16 different publications.

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Or Register by Mail:

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**If you register by mail, we will do our best to accommodate you in your primary choice, however, should your choice be full, we will automatically place you in your alternate choice. If both choices are full, we will inform you what workshops are still available.*

Registration Form (please print)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ (work): _____
Place of Employment: _____
Email address: _____
Fax Number: _____

Workshop Choices - please insert workshop #:

Morning: 1st _____ 2nd _____
Afternoon: 1st _____ 2nd _____

We reserve the right to cancel workshops due to low registration. Workshop spaces are limited. **Please Register Early - cut off date September 16, 2011**

For Further Information Please Contact:

Patti Johnston

Phone: 519-271-3773 ext. 258 Email: pjohnston@city.stratford.on.ca

For office use:

Date received: _____

Confirmed Registration: _____

Receipt issued: _____

Please photocopy or visit: www.city.stratford.on.ca
for additional registration forms or copies of the brochure.

