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Wednesday

How Does Learning Happen? Communities of Practice

Are you interested in an opportunity to talk through the content of “How Does Learning Happen?” with your peers; to share how this resource engages you, challenges you or raises questions about your practice? If yes, join us for these evenings of togetherness, learning and thoughtful conversation.

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm **Location:** CKCS 495 Grand Ave W. Chatham (Cafeteria)

February

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Sat/Sun

PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) Level 1 Training: Basic

Take this opportunity to save hundreds of dollars for Pyramid Educational Consultants training! This intensive two-day workshop is designed to teach participants the theory behind PECS and the protocols for how to appropriately implement the six phases of PECS. Participants must have the full 13 hours of training to receive their certificate.

Time: 8:00am - 4:30pm both days (Includes 1 hour lunch and 2 breaks—Registration 8:00-8:30)

Cost: \$130 per registrant. Please pay by Cheque by Feb. 3 (payable to Chatham-Kent Children’s Services)

Location: Retro Suites Hotel 2 King St. W. Chatham *breakfast snacks/catered lunch with vegetarian options*

March

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Tuesday

Extended Day /Before and After School Programs

This session will explore the components of Extended Day programs as well as how it contributes to a seamless experience for our 4 and 5 year olds. We will learn about the new Kindergarten Program (2016) and how the classroom learning environment has changed! As well, we will consider how Before and After programming is evolving and how the latest phase of the Child Care and Early Years Act may play a role in it’s evolution.

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm *Catered Supper served at 6:15* **Location:** CKCS 495 Grand Ave W. Chatham (Room A)

April

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Tuesday

Supporting Behavioural Challenges & Building Skills/Capacity in the Childcare Community

A night for educators, DSW’s and childcare supervisors to discuss various behaviour challenges. Share your most challenging examples and join in on group discussions in problem-solving possible solutions prior to support being assigned to a child. Presenters: Danna Dierckens, Alison Reid, and Linda Shoebottom

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm *Catered Supper served at 6:15* **Location:** CKCS 495 Grand Ave W. Chatham (Cafeteria)

April

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Thursday

Financial Literacy: The Basics of Budgeting

In response to a large number of requests for financial training as part of personal wellness, we’ve invited financial industry expert Chris June to join us for the evening. Chris will share some tips and tricks on balancing our finances as he introduces us to the basics of budgeting. Spouses / partners welcome!

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm **Location:** CKCS 495 Grand Ave W. Chatham (Board Room)

May

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Thursday

The Kindergarten Program, 2016

Join us for an evening overview on what 4 & 5 year olds across the province are learning in The Kindergarten Program. Ontario’s two-year play and inquiry based Kindergarten Program is based on up-to date information on how children learn best.

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm **Location:** CKCS 495 Grand Ave W. Chatham (Board Room)

June

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Saturday

Leaping Into Literacy ~ 2017 Conference

Spend the day with Dr. Diane Kashin exploring nature and early literacy. For early years practitioners working with children 2-6 years. Please visit www.ckoeyc.ca for registration form. (\$25.00 per person)

Location: C.M. Wilson Conservation Area 21799 Fargo Rd, Blenheim

