



# *Family Child Care*

*"expanding our vision"*

## **Registration Booklet**

**1st Provincial  
Family Child Care Conference**

**June 13, 14 & 15, 2008**

**Airport Comfort Inn**

**St. John's NL.**



## Our Speakers

### Lee Dunster

Lee has been involved in family child care for nearly 30 years. While working as a caregiver, Lee was a founding member of the Child Care Providers Association. She spent the next 25 years developing and delivering training and support services to caregivers and staff, consulting on policy with various levels of government and leading research and development work in the family child care field. Lee is the author of several publications, including *Home Child Care: A Caregiver's Guide*.

### Christine McLean

Christine is a Child Care Services Consultant in the Department of Health and Community Services. She has been involved in the child care community in Newfoundland and Labrador since 1998 as a director of a child care program, an ECE Instructor, private consultant and Registrar of Certification. Christine is currently on the executive of the Child Care Human Resources Sector Council and in the past was the chairperson of the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada.

### Wendy Waite - Snow

Wendy is a graduate of Mount Saint Vincent University with her Bachelor of Child Study Degree in 1987. She has actively worked in the field as early childhood educator, special needs assistant, data collector for the national "You Bet I Care" research study, and as child care consultant. She currently teaches kindergarten and playschool. In the past, Wendy was the Early Childhood Development Association of P.E.I. Member Council Representative with the Canadian Child Care Federation.

### Brenda Goodine

Brenda is a graduate from the Early Childhood Education program at Holland College, more years ago than she wants to fess up to! Over the years she has worked with children and their families through center based child care, family child care, family resource and home visiting programs. Brenda currently works in P.E.I within the Bridges Program as a resource support person in licensed child care, kindergarten and school age.

## Conference Schedule

### Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Registration and Meet-n-Greet**

There will be a number of resources and retail displays set-up for you to view. This is a great time to meet other Family Child Care Providers while you enjoy a light supper in the reception room.

### Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>

**7:45 - 8:45 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast.**

Registration will be available to those who didn't make in on Friday evening. Get an early start by filling up with the Continental Breakfast that will be waiting for you in the reception room. You will have a choice of muffins, bagels, croissants, coffee, tea, juice and fruit.

**9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Opening of Conference- Christine McLean Greetings -Department of Health & Community Services**

### Our Keynote Speaker

**Lee Dunster-** All of you know Lee in one way, shape or form. To have her join us for this event is an honour and privilege. Her greatly acclaimed publication "*Home Child Care. A Caregiver's Guide*" is widely used in the family child care field throughout Canada.

**Lee's Keynote - "When You Care for a Living -"** Family child care is a job like no other. Each day you open your door to welcome children and their parents into your home and each day you have a profound influence on the lives of those families. You spend your day nurturing the young, helping each child reach their full potential. While few would argue how important your work is, there are far too few opportunities for recognizing how much you contribute to children, their families, and your community.

### Nutrition Break

**10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**  
**Workshop A - "*The Gifts Within*" - Wendy Waite- Snow**  
**This workshop is recommended for all Family Child Care Providers.**

**Workshop B "*Enhancing Our Understanding of Family Child Care*"**

**Lunch and Presentations 12:30 p.m.**  
All participants are welcome to a sit down lunch with presenters recognizing the contributions of regulated family child care providers.

**1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and continued from 3:15 to 4:30**

**Workshop C - "*Designing Natural Learning*" -Brenda Goodine**

**Workshop D - "*Making Play Visible*"-Christine McLean**

**5:00 - 6:30 p.m. " Network Café" - A family child care provider network café has been organized. This is an important time for you to network with other family child care providers and meet Lee Dunster. A LARGE GROUP Photo will be taken and a grand door prize draw.**

### Sunday Morning June 15

**7:45 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast-Buffer Style**

**9:00 to 10:30 a.m.--Fun and Practical Workshops**

**10:30 - 10:45 a.m. BROWN BAG NUTRITION BREAK**

**10:45 - NOON - Closing Remarks**

**Family and Child Care Connections  
1st. Provincial Family Child Care Conference  
June 13th, 14th, 15th, 2008-04-23**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

Last Name ..... First Name .....

Are you a regulated Family Child Care Provider? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ If yes, with whom are you licensed or approved? .....

If No, with whom are you affiliated.....

Address .....Town/City.....Postal Code .....

E-mail ..... Phone ..... Fax .....

**Registration Time:** Friday Evening\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning\_\_\_\_

**Other-** Are you bringing children's pictures, artwork, etc to display?\_\_\_\_\_

We are creating a province wide family child care video to be launched at this conference.  
Are you interested in being part of the provincial Family Child Care DVD?\_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Please indicate any special needs or arrangements you that you may need during the conference, or during your stay.	
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**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION deadline is May 28**  
**The conference registration fee is \$25.00 for Family Child Care Providers**  
**\$40.00 for other participants**

*Payment can be made to Family and Child Care Connections by cheque or money order. Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit card payments at this time*

**Please indicate your form of payment by checking the appropriate box .**  
 Money Order     Cheque     Other- Please indicate\_\_\_\_\_

**Please Send registration & payment to:**  
**Family and Child Care Connections**  
**P.O. Box 13574 St.John's, NI. A1B 4B8**

**Fax, mail or e-mail registration form and workshop choices**

**Fax 754-7091 e-mail cuzat@yahoo.ca**

**Telephone(709)754-7086**

**Please see other side for workshop choices and send in when completed**

## Saturday Morning and Afternoon Workshops

Please circle one workshop of your choice from Workshop A or B AND one workshop of your choice from Workshop C or D.

**10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

### Workshop A

**"The Gifts Within"** Share this time with Wendy Waite-Snow as she provides you with strategies to reflect on your daily practices and how they can inspire growth and vitality to enhance your daily living and child care day.

**This workshop is recommended for all Family Child Care Providers.**

### Workshop B

**"Enhancing Our Understanding of Family Child Care"** The picture of family child care would be incomplete without understanding the roles of the people who care for our children and of those who support them. Join our group of providers, home visitors and consultants while they indulge you in their experiences in family child care.

**LUNCH 12:15 p.m.**

### Afternoon Workshops

**\*\*1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and continued from 3:15 to 4:30**

### Workshop C

**"Natural Learning Experiences in Family Child Care"** -Family Child Care Providers offer a unique and vital service to children and their families. The mixed age groups and close relationships offer providers an exciting opportunity to explore at a deeper level ,the natural learning experiences that occur. Brenda Goodine's 3 hr. workshop (part 1 & 2) will offer participants the opportunity to explore:

- Children's play using sensory, natural, and found materials
- View materials that enhance literacy and numeracy experiences
- Expand your vision for how your home environment can be used to enhance children's play and learning experiences.
- Interactive activities and presentation of materials will include exploring with natural, loose, recycled and everyday materials.

### Workshop D

**"Making Play Visible"** -"All she did today was play? I was hoping that she could do something a little more educational." Sometimes, whether or not it is spoken out loud, this is the feeling that adults have when they think about a child at play. Child care practitioners know, however, that children learn through play and that their role is to facilitate this play. Join Christine McLean's 3 hr.workshop (part 1 & 2) while she provides participants with ideas on how to document children's play in ways that will make the learning more obvious to others.

## Sunday Morning June 15, Workshops

**9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Please circle one choice**

### Workshop E

**"Mother Goose"**- Reading + Talking + Exploring = Learning Experiences. Join Mary Feron and Lori Fritz as they take through the journey of storytelling, rhymes and imagery that reflect the culture, realities and experiences of Newfoundland and Labrador.

### Workshop F

**"Fun and simple ways to make fruits and veggies enjoyable"** Sonya Clarke-Casey will be joined by Janine Woodrow to offer you nutritional information and fun recipes to encourage children to eat their fruits and vegetables. Come along and taste many yummy treats.

### Workshop G

**"Using Visuals to Enhance Programs"** -During this session, Jennifer Russell will help participants explore the best practices regarding inclusive child care, and how child care providers and ECE's can support all children in their child care setting. The presentation will look at the process of developing appropriate, meaningful, and functional visual supports, and how these can be used to enhance child care programs.

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