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Child Care conference to show why ‘play’ is important

Edmonton – Why is ‘play’ an integral aspect of early childhood development? MacEwan University’s Child Care Conference aims to answer that question. Responding to the evolving field, and reflecting current trends, this year’s conference will provide a relevant and engaging professional development opportunity for educators who are working in the early learning and child care field.

The keynote speaker at this year’s conference is Sophie Cooper who recognizes the value and importance of ‘play’ in children’s lives. Cooper’s sessions, presented throughout the conference, will support an educator’s understanding of why child directed and free play are critical for healthy children and healthy communities.

There are a variety of sessions to attend during the day. Registered dietitian Megan Wallace will focus on initiatives to promote healthy eating in child care centres. Wallace is passionate about nutrition and is excited to share information to support wellness in child care centres.

The conference sessions will provide an opportunity to share and explore current topics for early learning and child care professionals working with children from infants to school-aged.

Participants will be able to browse exhibit tables throughout the conference where 21 organizations will be showcasing their services. These include the Alberta Child Care Association, Early Childhood Development Support Services, Mosaic Teaching Resources and the Royal Alberta Museum.

This annual conference is organized by MacEwan University’s Faculty of Health and Community Studies. To view the full list of sessions and those presenting the sessions, please go to: MacEwan.ca/ChildcareConference

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