



ABBOTSFORD

**CHILD CARE
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**April-June
2025**

Training Calendar



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REGISTRATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Training certificates

Training certificates will be issued via email within 5 business days of the workshop attended. To receive a certificate you must arrive on time, participate, stay for the entire session and have your video on (if online). If you have not received your certificate after 5 business days, please call us. If you require a copy of your certificate after 30 days of the workshop you will incur a \$10 reissuing charge.

Late Arrivals

Late arrivals of more than 15 minutes will not be admitted to the workshop.

Registration/Payment

Prepayment is required for all workshops.

Online Registration

Online registration is available on our website (www.abbotsfordccrr.ca). When you register for workshops online it will keep a record of all your upcoming and past workshops.

In Person Registration

Credit card payment can be taken over the phone. Debit and credit payments are taken in office.

Methods of payment

Credit (Visa or MasterCard), debit, cash, or cheque (payable to Archway Community Services).

Workshop cancellations (regular workshops)

Registrants can cancel up until two full business days prior to the scheduled workshop date. Cancellations received before the deadline will be given a workshop credit (not a refund) to be used towards future workshops at Abbotsford CCRR. Workshop credits are valid for one year from the date of the cancelled workshop. Due to unforeseen circumstances, workshops may be subject to change or cancellation, in this case we will issue a refund.

Course cancellations (First Aid and Responsible Adult)

Registrants must cancel one week (5 business days) prior to the course/class start date in order to receive a refund. The original receipt must be provided at the time of refund.

Workshop location (In Person)

Workshops will be held at Archway Community Services in the Jasbir Saran Room (B100), unless otherwise stated.

Workshop location (Online)

Online workshops will be held via Zoom. You do not need to make an account for Zoom, as we will send you a link to the workshop. You will need a laptop, computer or smart phone with access to internet, video and audio. We require your video to stay on for the entire workshop to receive your certificate.

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WORKSHOP 1



CHILD CARE START-UP INFORMATION SESSION

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Date: Wednesday April 2, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: Free

Location: Abbotsford CCRR

#102 - 2469 Montrose Avenue, Abbotsford BC V2S 3T2

WORKSHOP 2

TRANSITIONS TO KINDERGARTEN

An opportunity for educators and parents to explore the complexities of preparing children for kindergarten while nurturing an understanding of differentiated learning styles, neurodiversity, and ideas of prerequisite skills.

This professional development will shift your lens of what "kids need to know" through engaging with philosophies that presume competence, speak respect, and honour feelings with validation.

We're moving beyond the ABCs. Transitions

to Kindergarten supports an understanding of the whole child, not just the future test-taker.

Presenter: Monica Maddison is an early years educational consultant who prioritizes neurodiversity-affirming and family-centred practice. With past experience as a Director of Specialized Education and Inclusion, college instructor, and therapist, she brings 13 years of experience and extensive education background to educate educators across North America. Monica uses attainable explanations with actionable strategies within each session to guide educators through self reflection and greater understanding of all children. Her company, Bloom Behaviour, is creating a movement of inclusion driven practices for intentional educators.. because as we already know; we're better when we're together.

Date: Thursday April 3, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom

WORKSHOP 3

SHOULD I BE CONCERNED?



Are you noticing that some of your children are doing things a bit differently? Are they in motion all the time, wriggling about in circle time, playing differently than other children? Are you seeing traits that you think may be attributed to ADHD or Autism? All children's behaviour depends on how safe they feel in themselves, their environment and in their relationship with a caring adult. Let's talk about what you might be seeing and why it might be happening.

Presenter: Pam Collins is a late-identified neurodivergent parent to two amazing multiply neurodivergent adult sons. She provides Neurodiverse-Affirming parent coaching, consulting and education services to families and community partners and has been supporting families for over 25 years. She is also a volunteer with the Alliance Against Seclusion and Restraint

Date: Saturday April 5, 2025

Time: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom



WORKSHOP 4

EARLY LITERACY: LEARNING WITH SONGS, RHYMES & FINGERPLAYS

Come ready to sing and to share your favourite and unique songs, rhymes and fingerplays! Signing, music, rhymes and fingerplays help children develop listening skills and hear the rhythms and rhymes of language. Singing is a great literacy practice that will improve and increase the acquisition of skills necessary for learning to read later on. It also encourages and intrigues children, helping them remember longer because it activates different parts of the brain than regular spoken language. They get an understanding of the smaller sounds in words because singing slows down language and often, songs have different notes for each syllable.

Presenter: Pooja Kalsi has a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from State university of New York. She has 26 years of experience in the Early childhood field as a teacher, facilitator, supervisor, director and instructor. She is very passionate about finding ways to promote children's creativity and expression of discovery and make it visible by documentation. She currently teaches at Langara College in the ECE department. She is a mother of two children and believes that she continues to learn from the world around her.

Date: Thursday April 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom



WORKSHOP 5

EMPOWERING GROWTH: MENTORING AND COACHING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



This workshop is designed to equip educators and leaders with the skills and strategies necessary for effective mentoring and coaching in early childhood education. Drawing from the facilitator's unique experience in mentor-coaching and training educators and ECE students, participants will explore the principles and practices of mentoring and coaching. They will learn how to build trusting relationships, provide constructive feedback, and foster professional growth among their colleagues and students. Facilitator Lobna, honoured winner of the Sylvia Leal Leadership Award, is dedicated to sharing her expertise and guiding educators towards excellence in their practice. Through interactive and hands-on activities, educators will discover practical techniques to support and empower their peers and mentees.

Presenter: Lobna Ajaini is a highly accomplished Early Childhood Leader, holding an Honours Bachelor of Early Childhood Leadership Degree and an Early Childhood Education Diploma from Sheridan College, with ongoing studies for an MPED at Western University.. Lobna is the founder of Childhood Empowerment, a platform dedicated to nurturing growth among early childhood educators. Currently, she serves as an ECE college instructor in Ontario.

Date: Thursday April 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom

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WORKSHOP 6

ALERT EMERGENCY CHILDCARE FIRST AID CPR - LEVEL C

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Presenter: Alert First Aid Facilitator

Date: Saturday April 26, 2025

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Cost: \$100

Location: Archway Community Services | Jasbir Saran Room (100B) | 2420 Montrose Ave, Abbotsford BC V2S 3S9



WORKSHOP 7

CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING: A DROP FROM EDUCATION'S OCEAN

This workshop is designed for early childhood educators and students looking to further their professional development and enhance their teaching practices. Through an engaging atmosphere and networking opportunities, attendees will gain valuable insights that will re-inspire their work with young children.

Presenter: Behnaz Lotfi has been involved in Early Childhood Education since 1978. She is a passionate Educator who continues her studies at Capilano University. She is interested in what is new in this beautiful profession and loves to share her knowledge and learn from others. Her workshops are informative and full of passion for the field of education. She shares her life stories and relates them to concepts and practices that are informed by those lived experiences.

Date: Thursday May 1, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom

WORKSHOP 8

CREATING COMMUNITY WITH YOUR FAMILIES

This workshop is designed for early childhood educators and students looking to further their professional development and enhance their teaching practices. Through an engaging atmosphere and networking opportunities, attendees will gain valuable insights that will re-inspire their work with young children.

Presenter: Kayla Papalia is an early childhood educator and the owner/operator of an In Home Multi Age childcare program in Port Moody. She is one of the creators of "ECE, Honestly", a podcast for the modern ECE.

Date: Saturday May 3, 2025

Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom



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WORKSHOP 9

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Date: Wednesday May 7, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: Free

Location: Abbotsford CCRR

#102 - 2469 Montrose Avenue, Abbotsford BC V2S 3T2



WORKSHOP 10

THE POWER OF ROUTINE THAT SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOURS

Are you noticing challenging behaviors with children, specifically at certain times of the day? Humans strive on predictability, especially Children. Children develop a sense of safety and security through consistency and the environment around them. Together, we will explore tools that can be used to assist with routines, such as visual cue cards/ picture exchange.

Presenters: Prab Gill is an Early Childhood Educator with over 15 years of experience in the field. She has Instructed ECE courses for local colleges. Prab has hands-on experience providing care to children through her respective roles as an Educator and Manager of Licensed childcare facilities in the lower mainland. Prab is passionate about building rapport within the community and sharing her knowledge around child development. Prab recognizes the importance of self care and often recharges by spending time in nature.

Date: Thursday May 8, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom



WORKSHOP 11

HOW DO WE KNOW CHILDREN ARE LEARNING ACADEMIC CONCEPTS THROUGH PLAY?



This workshop reviews the basic concepts of math and science and connects to early literacy and engineering. We look at how this knowledge is gained through natural development and the focus of this discussion is play based and moves through many examples, illustrating clearly how elements of play are centered in academic thinking.

Participants are invited to share, discuss, ask questions and actively add to this workshop through conversation.

Presenter: Samantha Johnstone is a mother of two young children who are 1 and 3, a wife, daughter, auntie, friend and professional Early Childhood Educator. She has been in the field since 2008 and has been practicing, fully certified from 2010. A student at UVic, obtaining her BCYC (work in progress, haha), she has been creating and facilitating workshops since 2019 and is an instructor in a busy ECE program, having taught first year math, science and technology and curriculum to ECE students. She also works full time at a preschool and before and after school teacher, working in the beautiful community of Pitt Meadows. Her family and she try to be present and squeeze as much quality time in when they can, and she is always learning how to balance being a mother of two and a more than full time worker!

Date: Thursday May 22, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom

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WORKSHOP 12

ALERT EMERGENCY FIRST AID CPR - LEVEL C

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Presenter: Alert First Aid Facilitator

Date: Saturday May 31, 2025

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Cost: \$100

Location: Archway Community Services | Jasbir Saran Room (100B) | 2420 Montrose Ave, Abbotsford BC V2S 3S9

WORKSHOP 13

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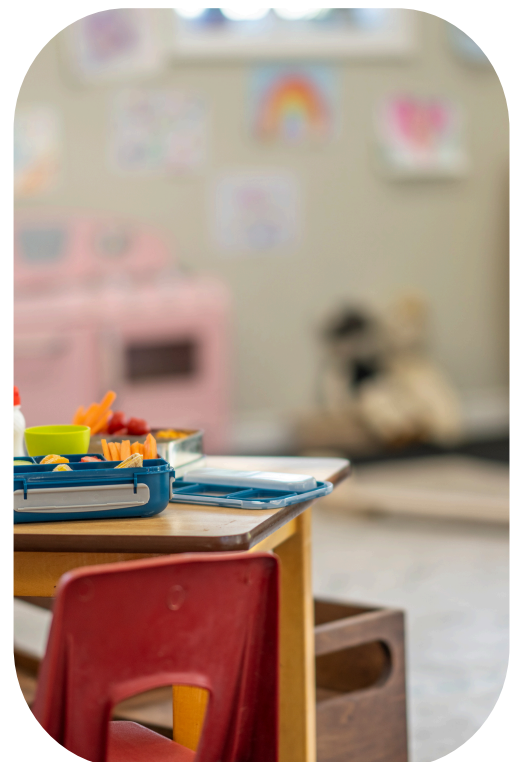
Date: Wednesday June 4, 2025

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Cost: Free

Location: Abbotsford CCRR

#102 - 2469 Montrose Avenue, Abbotsford BC V2S 3T2



WORKSHOP 14

20 HOUR RESPONSIBLE ADULT COURSE



This course was developed to meet the requirements for 20 hours of training for "Responsible Adult" as stipulated by Child Care Licensing Regulation. Through interactive sessions, it covers basic concepts about child development from birth to 12 years of age, child guidance, health, safety, nutrition and programming. Participants must be at least 19 years old to register, attend all sessions, and pass all open book quizzes with a satisfactory mark in order to receive a certificate of completion. The workbook is included in the course fee. This is a non-credit course (cannot be applied towards the completion of an ECE Certificate).

Instructors: Lori Brown, Wanda Cole, Christine Kopp & Brenda Herrera - Child Care Consultants at Abbotsford CCRR

Date: Wednesday Jun 4th, Thursday Jun 5th & Friday Jun 6th, 2025

*** must attend all three days to receive certificate**

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$100

Location: Archway Community Services | Board Room | 2420 Montrose Ave.



UNDERSTANDING CREATIVE EXPRESSION WITH INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Infants and Toddlers have much to tell us about their creativity! Scribbles and mark making are wonderful ways that very young children show us that they are making connections to their own creative expression. This workshop will introduce the stages of creative expression and provide examples of how early childhood educators can support very young children to engage in the creative process in ways that support freedom of expression and open ended exploration.

Presenter: Andrea Dawson has worked with young children and their families for the past 25 years working in non- profit early childhood settings, including the Vancouver Coastal Health Early Childhood Mental Health team. Andrea is an Instructor and the Department Chair of the Early Childhood Education programs at Langara College, in Vancouver.

Date: Thursday June 5, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom



WORKSHOP 16

SENSORY EXPLORERS: CREATE YOUR OWN NATURE BACKPACKS

In this workshop you will learn how to build a science exploration kit (to take with you) to use on your next nature adventure. I will share tried-and-tested sensory activities that young children enjoy. You will come away with the confidence to create simple nature kits (using easily accessible materials) for exploring the forest, park, beach, pond and your own backyard.

Presenter: Wendy Lorch is an educator with experience working with children in a variety of cool settings including a museum, science centre, botanical garden and park. With extensive experience in program development and building kits of learning materials, Wendy's passion is helping busy educators by sharing her learnings and ideas through fun, hands-on workshops.

Date: Thursday June 12, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom



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WORKSHOP 17

A HUNDRED WAYS OF STORY TIME: CONNECTING WITH CHILDREN

"We are all storytellers. We all live in a network of stories. There isn't a stronger connection between people than storytelling." - Jimmy Neil Smith

Children make sense of this world through play and stories, through exploration, testing their theories and most of all through connections and relationship building. In this interactive and experiential workshop, we will explore ways and secrets of story time that support and embrace our connection with children.

Presenters: Ewa Boss has a Master's Degree in Pedagogy of Early Years Education and 25 years in the field as an educator, facilitator, programs and training coordinator, ECE instructor, and practicum facilitator. She believes that learning is an ongoing journey that needs to be walked and shared with others.

Date: Saturday June 14, 2025

Time: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Archway Community Services | Jasbir Saran Room (100B) | 2420 Montrose Ave, Abbotsford BC V2S 3S9



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WORKSHOP 18

EXPLORING REGGIO EMILIA - THEIR PHILOSOPHIES AND APPROACHES

We will discover the underlying philosophies of the work in Reggio Emilia - their Image of Children and Educators, environments, and the use of documentation to support their practices. Through discussion and responses to photographs, we will dispel some myths, and uncover inspirations.

Presenter: Susan Stacey has been engaged with young children and their educators in many ways over the last 40 years, as an Early Years Educator, Director of centres and lab schools, Practicum Supervisor, and Teacher Educator at the college level. She provides professional learning experiences for educators across Canada, the U.S., and the world. She has also been active in developing learning opportunities around the N.S. Early Learning Curriculum Framework.

She is nourished by the reflections and learning that are informed by inquiry-based practices, the work in Reggio Emilia, pedagogical documentation, and the creative thinking that comes from lively dialogue with other educators, including students.

Susan is the author of 5 books on Emergent Curriculum, Pedagogical Documentation, and Inquiry. She was raised and educated in England, received her graduate degree from Pacific Oaks College, CA. and now lives in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Date: Saturday June 21, 2025

Time: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom



THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP FOR CHILDREN

Join Certified Nutritionist Sidney Shindle as she explains the short term and long term health benefits of sleep for children. You will learn about what happens when a child doesn't sleep enough, as well as what may cause kids to skip out on naptime. From changes to routine, to upgrading their nutrition, this seminar will equip you with tips and tricks to help children get the sleep they need. She will also share a few tips for adults to make sure they are sleeping too!

Presenter: Sidney Shindle is a Certified Nutritional Practitioner who runs a private practice in New Westminster and Burnaby. She helps people find balance and wellness in their lives by teaching them how to find balance on their plates. She works with a variety of clients including those with IBS, diabetes, autoimmune conditions and more.

Date: Tuesday June 24, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost: Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Location: Online via Zoom



WORKSHOP 20

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Presenter: Alert First Aid Facilitator

Date: Saturday June 28, 2025

Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Cost: \$100

Location: Archway Community Services | Jasbir Saran Room (100B) | 2420 Montrose Ave, Abbotsford BC V2S 3S9



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