

Celebrating Our Children

Summer Institute 2018 – Aug 14 & 15

First Nation Early Years Mentors Gijiikendamin



FEATURING

Keynote Speaker

Michelle Taylor-Leonhardi

‘Sharing our Journey’

Oshkiigmong Early Learning Centre

Curve Lake First Nation

About The Summer Institute...

We offer you the gift of time – time to listen, engage and reflect. Join us for a unique experience as we continue to explore How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years – 4 years later...

The institute will open on August 14th from 12:45 pm – 4:15 pm at:

Ka-Na-Chi-Hih Centre
1700 Dease Street
Fort William First Nation, Thunder Bay

The afternoon will begin with a traditional opening led by a Fort William First Nation Elder. Please be mindful of the start time of 1:00 pm.

You are invited to engage with **Michelle Taylor-Leonhardi** as she delivers a keynote on her wonderful journey of How Does Learning Happen (HDLH) alongside the team at Oshkiigmong Early Learning Centre for the past three years.

We will conclude with our second annual **special celebration** to recognize early learning educators who continue to be dedicated to supporting the wellbeing of children and families in their child care programs.

Bio

Michelle Taylor-Leonhardi is Coordinator at Oshkiigmong Early Learning Centre.

First and foremost I am a proud mother of three - two sons Kane (21) and Luc (19) and a daughter Kenni-Dee (7). I graduated from Native Early Childhood Course in May of 1993 as one of the first graduates of the Binoojiiyag Kinomaadwin Course at Cambrian College in Sudbury Ontario. I have been employed with Curve Lake Day Care since May of 1993. I started out as an NECE in a playroom, and then was promoted to Supervisor of the Infant/Toddler Program 5 years later. I was moved over to the School Age Program and was the Supervisor of that Program for the next several years. In 2011 I was asked to be the Acting Coordinator until the position was posted. I took this role without any financial training and realized just how hard it was to be the "big boss". I applied for the position that summer and was successful. Since I became the Coordinator, we have been working hard as a team allowing our children to teach us and we learn together. We had our named changed from Curve Lake Day Care to Oshkiigmong Early Learning Centre.



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On **August 15th** be prepared to enjoy a day full of activities and conversation to build on our knowledge of the 4 foundations of HDLH – Belonging, Expression, Well-Being, Engagement that will be offered to not only enhance your knowledge of working with children, but will also give you an opportunity to laugh, share and connect with others!

Please join us for a continental breakfast at Ryan Hall Cafeteria, Confederation College starting at 8:30 am.

Confederation College
1450 Nakina Drive, Thunder Bay, ON

Starting at 9:00 am in the **Shuniah Lecture Hall** the day will begin with words of welcome from a member of the FN Early Years Mentors Gijiikendaamin network.

We are delighted to have **Anita Price** and **Anna Morrone**, Supervisors of the Children & Family Centre present on 'Sharing their Journey with How Does Learning Happen through the Language of Food'.

Following a fitness break (walk to McIntyre Building) ☺ breakout sessions will begin.

Simultaneous sessions will be provided in 3 classrooms – HDLH -How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years – 4 years later...

Continuing our dialogue on HDLH along with the 4 foundations that support this and exploring relationships with children, families and co-workers.

Facilitators:

Anita Broere, Program Coordinator & Faculty of Early Childhood Education, Confederation College

Kelly Massaro-Joblin, Early Years Advisor, Early Years & Child Care Programs & Service Integration Branch, Ministry of Education

Nicole Nabb, Program Advisor, Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch, Ministry of Education

Following a delicious lunch participants will be treated to a tour of the Child & Family Centre, Confederation College which provides child care services to the community and serves as a real-life learning and study facility for the Early Childhood Education students. Five early learning environments – infant, toddler/preschool, school age, living classroom and their fabulous outdoor playspace will be offered. We will explore how to support play experiences that evolve from children's natural curiosity and engage the whole child in stimulating learning environments.

Kelly Massaro-Joblin, Early Years Advisor will conclude with reflections on this year's unique summer institute. Professional learning certificates will be distributed.

Celebrating Our Children – 2 Day Agenda & Registration Form

Please note: Directions/floor plans of venues will be distributed upon confirmation of registration.

August 14th, 2018 - Ka-Na-Chi-Hih Centre, 1700 Dease Street, Fort William First Nation

| Time | Session |
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| 12:30 pm | Registration begins... |
| 1:00 pm | Traditional Opening with Fort William First Nation Elder |
| 1:30 pm | Keynote: Sharing Our Journey with Michelle Taylor-Leonhardi |
| 3:30 pm | Early Childhood Educator Awards – Presented by program staff |
| 4:00 pm | Conclusion and overview of Day 2 |

August 15th, 2018 – Confederation College, 1450 Nakina Drive, Thunder Bay

| Time | Session | Location |
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| 8:30 am | Registration & Light Breakfast | Ryan Hall Cafeteria |
| 9:00 am | Welcome & Introduction | Shuniah Lecture Hall |
| 9:10 am | Keynote: Sharing Our Journey with HDLH through the language of food with Anita Price & Anna Morrone, Children and Family Centre | Shuniah Lecture Hall |
| 10:15 am | Fitness & Nutrition Break – Walk to McIntyre Building | McIntyre Building |
| 10:30 am | Breakout – How Does Learning Happen? 4 Years Later (assigned rooms will be given to participants) | McIntyre Building |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch provided on site | McIntyre Building |
| 1:00 pm | Tours of Child & Family Centre Learning Environments | McIntyre Building |
| 2:25 pm | Conclusion with Kelly Massaro-Joblin (certificates will be handed out) | McIntyre Building |

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| Register by July 13 th , 2018. Fee: \$40.00 per person (lunches & snacks included) | Complete this registration form and mail with payment to: (Cheque payable to FIREFLY) | Wanda Gordon, Child Care Resource & Training Coordinator P.O. Box 956 Ear Falls, ON P0V 1T0 |
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Register as many as you like

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| Please list any allergies/special dietary restrictions beside your name. | | |

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