

Calgary and Area RCSD eNewsletter



Calgary and Area RCSD wishes to acknowledge service providers and teachers for their steadfast efforts over the year to meet the needs of children and youth within our region. We also wish to recognize families for all they do every day for their children. It is through partnerships among families, teachers, and service providers that we can truly optimize the learning and well-being of children and youth.

Calgary and Area RCSD would also like to acknowledge the [Regional Executive Team](#), the [Regional Leadership Team](#), and the individuals who make up our Committees for their time and support. The success of Calgary and Area RCSD depends on their dedication and hard work.

2014 – 2015 was the first full year of operation for Calgary and Area RCSD and, while there is still work to do to maximize the RCSD as a collective approach, we look forward to further developing our [Service Delivery Model](#) and continuing to develop partnerships to extend our work and support collaboration across the region.

Have a great summer everyone!

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Upcoming Opportunities

Bring Your Lunch and Learn – Learning Through Play: What’s the Big Deal?

Webinar June 23, 2015

12:05 – 12:55 pm

Child Development Lab U-259, Mount Royal University

Why is Play so important for a child’s growth and development? This webinar takes participants through an exploration of Learning through Play in the Early Years.

Email kduke@mtroyal.ca to register.

Numeracy for All: A Community of Practice for Teachers of Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

Community of Practice June 25, 2015 Deadline

The Alberta Regional Professional Learning Consortia in collaboration with Alberta Education is hosting a none-year community of practice. Participants will collaborate in

three face-to-face meetings and four online discussions from September to June 2015. Click [here](#) for more information.

Addressing the Needs of LGBTQ Youth in Foster Care

Webinar June 25, 2015

Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc from the University of British Columbia will speak on how stigma, violence, and trauma influence teens' health, coping and risking behaviours, and what protective factors in relationships and environments can foster resilience despite the trauma. Click [here](#) to register.

Trauma Informed Care: Creating Physically and Emotionally Safe Environments for Clients, Families, and Staff

Webinar July 15, 2015

9:00 – 10:30 am

The goals of this webinar are to increase your awareness of the importance, prevalence and effects of trauma and to describe the IWK Health Centre's journey towards becoming a trauma-informed health centre.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Low-Incidence Province-Wide Collaborative Support – Summer Symposia

August 24-26, 2015

Various locations throughout Alberta 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Alberta Education is offering three Summer Symposia professional learning opportunities to support teachers new to working with children and youth from low-incidence populations, set in the context of the Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) model.

Click [here](#) to register.

The 7th National Biennial Conference on Adolescents and Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

Call for Abstracts September 11, 2015 Deadline

The conference from April 6-9 2016 in Vancouver is now accepting 3-hour, 90-minute, oral papers, and poster abstract submissions. Submissions from students are strongly encouraged.

Click [here](#) for the Advance Notice Guidelines.

Click [here](#) to submit.

Network Leadership Symposium 2015 Networks as Interventions: Policy Tool or Panacea? Conference

September 22 – 24, 2015

Edmonton, AB

The 2015 symposium will explore if and/or how inter-organizational networks can help address critical policy issues and practice challenges. Specifically, can networks be used successfully as deliberate tools or interventions to create better public policy, services and practice; or are they simply so ubiquitous that they have become the universal remedy, effective or not, for

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Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

SCERTS Training October 1 – 2, 2015

Ramada Plaza, Calgary Airport 3515-26 Street NE

This presentation will provide an introduction to the SCERTS® Model, a comprehensive model for prioritizing goals and implementing practices that focus on the core challenges in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): Social Communication, Emotional Regulation, and providing Transactional Supports for children with ASD.

Click [here](#) to register.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Calgary Regional Consortium's Parents as Partners Conference

Save the Date October 3, 2015

Mount Royal University – Ross Glen Hall, 4825 Mount Royal Gate SW Calgary

Calgary Regional Consortium is hosting a Parents as Partners Conference to connect parents and families with each other and resources in the community. Look for registration and more information in our September eNewsletter.

Claiming Full Citizenship 2015 International Conference

Vancouver, BC October 15 - 17, 2015

At this conference participants will share lessons learned and create a road map for the effective implementation of self-determination, personalization, individualized funding and support decision making initiatives.

Click [here](#) for the conference brochure.

Click [here](#) to register.

Canadian Association of Pediatric Health Centres Annual Conference

Quebec City October 18 – 20, 2015

CAPHC's Annual Conference Registration opens May 20.

Click [here](#) for the Preliminary Program.

Imagine That! Working Together for Children and Youth

Save the Date October 27, 2015

Calgary and Area RCSD is proud to announce its second Imagine That! event, to be held at the Calgary Zoo. Look for registration on our website in early fall 2015.

Articles and Research

Changing Directions, Changing Lives: A Youth Perspective

The Mental Health Strategy for Canada

The Youth Council has adapted the Mental Health Strategy for Canada to reflect a youth perspective by drawing on personal experiences to make sense of a large policy document, turning it into something original and more accessible to youth.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) to download the document.

The Mental Health Commission of Canada: Guidelines for Recovery-Oriented Practice

The Guidelines for Recovery-Oriented Practice is the first comprehensive Canadian reference document for understanding recovery in practice and promoting a consistent application of recovery principles across the country at a public, program, and practice level.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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Early Years Community of Learning & Practice: Alberta's Early Childhood Development Policy Landscape presented by Dr. Karen Benzies PhD, RN and the First 200 Days Network

Click [here](#) to view the webinar.