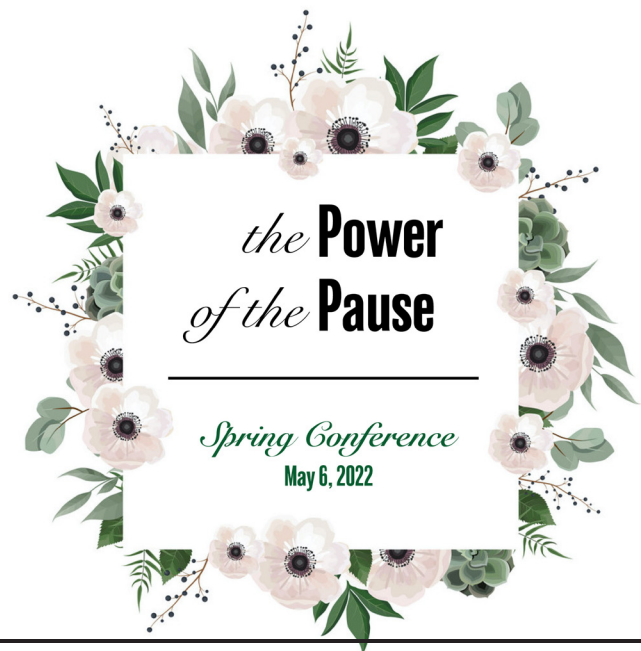


Spring Conference

Schedule & Information

May 6, 2022



The ECDA Team and Board are proud to present this year's Spring Conference—The Power of the Pause. Covid-19 has caused the last two years to be a tough ride for both children and adults through Canada and around the world. ECEs have remained resilient, showing the importance of being there for children, families and co-workers. With our specialized bank of knowledge and expertise in the first five years of a child's life, we understand that these years are crucial for brain development and the reality is that this doesn't stop because we are in a pandemic. Join with us as we learn from some of the leading experts in the field of child development.

Make the most of every moment we have with children! Everyone's role, big or small, can be something a child carries with them throughout their lives and their development. Whether you are a Director, ECE, Support Staff, Cook, Student, or any role in between, we are all a vital part of the child's experience. We feel confident that the messages being shared at this year's Spring Conference will reignite your passion for your work in the field of Early Childhood Care and Education, and keep you going as we continue to make the most out of every moment we have with children.

This conference highlights the importance of pausing and being in the moment with the children. We invite you to come along with us as we begin to embark on a new journey moving forward, we want to really look at our "why's", and how to continue to make moments count in the early years, as we move from a pandemic to an endemic. We thank you in advance for attending the 2022 ECDA Spring Conference! The knowledge you gain enriches the futures of the families and children in your care! We are so grateful to have you all join us as we learn from experts around the globe!

All sessions will have simultaneous translation in French. Toutes les sessions auront une traduction simultanée en français.

9:00 - 10:45 AM:	Opening Remarks, followed by Heather Shumaker: Why it's OK (and Even Good) for Kids Not to Share
10:45 - 11:00 AM:	Break
11:00 - 12:30 PM:	Pasi Sahlberg: What Can the World Learn from Educational Change in Finland?
12:30 - 1:30 PM:	Lunch Break
1:30 - 3:00 PM:	Dr. Vanessa LaPointe: Making Moments Count
3:00 - 3:30 PM:	Closing Remarks with ECDA and Department of Education and Lifelong Learning

Registration and payment is due on or before April 29th, 2022

Prices: ECDA Members: \$85+tax

Non-Members: \$155+ tax

CCCF/Other Provincial Organizations: \$85+ tax

To qualify for CCCF & Other Provincial Association Members pricing, please provide your membership number in the initial field upon registration. Please list your association under Centre Name.

Heather Shumaker: Why it's OK (and Even Good) for Kids Not to Share

An introduction to the counterintuitive world of "Renegade Parenting." This inspiring keynote examines common practices and attitudes towards raising children, and based on child development, turns them upside down. Topics covered typically include sharing, saying 'sorry,' coping with angry children, rough play, risk, toy weapons or other topics. Be prepared to change your mind.

Facilitator Bio: Heather Shumaker is an author and national speaker. Her renegade parenting books, *It's OK Not to Share* and *It's OK to Go Up the Slide*, promote play, risk-taking, and emotional and social learning and have been translated into French, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, and other languages. Heather is also a children's fiction author. *The Griffins of Castle Cary* is an award-winning adventure for kids ages 8-12. She hosts the *Renegade Rules* podcast and co-hosts *BookSmitten*, a new podcast focused on children's books. Learn more at www.heathershumaker.com.



Pasi Sahlberg: Finnish Lessons - What Can the World Learn from Educational Change in Finland?



Pasi Sahlberg's presentation will focus on several key topics:

- International pre-pandemic education trends (including Early Childhood Education)
- Elements of successful education systems - including the Finnish legends, the Canadian stories
- The Power of Pause: The Finnish way (including the role of play in ECE)
- Signposts for the post-pandemic education recovery

Facilitator Bio: Pasi Sahlberg is a renowned Finnish Educator and Scholar. He is a professor of education policy at the Gonski Institute for Education, University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, and a Finnish educator and author who has worked as school teacher, teacher educator, researcher, and policy advisor in Finland. Pasi has studied education systems, analysed education policies, and advised education reforms around the world.

* For more information on this Speaker/Performer, please visit www.apbspeakers.com.

Dr. Vanessa Lapointe: Making Moments Count: What Today's Young Children Need from Us

Young brains are incredibly open to external influence. As the pandemic has dragged on and things in the world feel unsettled, the experience of being a child has changed - causing a lot of us to wonder what will be the legacy of these times on today's young children? Dr. Vanessa believes there is an invitation hidden in these challenges, and if accepted, it is something that might just change world. That invitation is to be fiercely present in the now for our children. This means a retreat from the outcomes focused approaches of yesteryear back to the core of what nature intended. It means realigning our values in child raising with those that are science informed and heart centred. And it means seeing ourselves as the answer for the children who are counting on us, even if we have no idea what that answer is. There is incredible gold to be mined from these times, and the legacy for our children sparkles with promise.

Facilitator Bio: Dr. Vanessa Lapointe is a mom, registered psychologist, parenting educator, best-selling author, international speaker, and a regularly invited media guest. Founder and director of The Wishing Star Lapointe Developmental Clinic, she has been supporting families and children for almost 20 years, and has previous experience in community mental health and the school system. Her passion is in walking alongside parents, teachers, care providers, and other big people to really see the world through the child's eyes. She believes that if we can do this, we are beautifully positioned to grow up our children in the best possible way.

