



MANITOBA CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION
SCHOOL AGE CARE: WIRED DIFFERENTLY

February 9-10, 2024

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

9:00AM - 3:30PM

Rethinking Risk: The Importance of Children's Outdoor Risky Play for Children's Health, Well-Being and Development

Research is clear on the importance of regular and repeated access to outdoor risky play opportunities in childhood. Despite the known benefits of outdoor risky play, Canadian children's play experiences have become more monitored and controlled over time. This workshop explores the importance of outdoor risky play on children's health, development, and well-being, and the important role that educators and child care providers play in facilitating this form of play. Through this session, you will learn the key concepts that support outdoor risky play and how you can begin to incorporate these into your work with children. This is an interactive workshop that will work through real examples from the field, outline how to identify a hazard from a risk, and how to communicate with parents about outdoor risky play. Rachel Ramsden will guide workshop participants in developing a deeper understanding of how outdoor risky play can support and provide opportunities for children to explore the world and their own capabilities.

Rachel Ramsden is a Research Coordinator at the Play Outside Lab and a PhD Candidate in the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia. Working with Dr. Mariana Brussoni, Rachel leads research projects in BC and across Canada that aim to support children's outdoor and risky play. Rachel has a particular interest in understanding how different outdoor environments facilitate children's outdoor and risky play across all age groups. Rachel previously worked in school-age care, recreation, and community planning, and she has a Master of Public Health (2016) and a Bachelor of Kinesiology (2013).



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9:00AM - 3:30PM

Critical Literacy

What power do books hold? Through this workshop educators will discuss topics of social justice and diversity, considering how all children can feel represented. We will focus on understanding the importance of representation in children's day to day lives and on the power that books can hold.

This involves looking at how books can uphold ideas of colonization, gender stereotypes, one type of family and white-centric voices. We will look at how the literacy we use can work towards anti-racist & anti-bias practice, as well as create a welcoming environment where all children are able to feel represented. Not limited to cultures, but also consideration of children with exceptionalities, various family structures, LGBTQ2S+, and looking outside of the gender binary and stereotypes. Focusing on the critical literacy theory, educators will have a chance to discover new authors and books that will help to diversify their bookshelves and develop skills that allow them to critically assess and choose books within their learning environments.

Embracing Tensions: Encounters with Tough Topics

In educational settings we often encounter tough topics, such as death, divorce, global warming, racism, sexism, colonial histories, disability awareness, and LGBTQ2S+ topics. How do we respond when tensions around tough topics arise? This workshop addresses why it's important to critically engage with children, how to have conversations with families, and ways to engage with tough topics. We will look at what it means to embrace the tensions in our educational settings and what can grow from engaging with said tensions. The goal of this workshop is that educators will leave feeling more confident in their abilities to engage with tensions and tough topics within their settings.

Educators in attendance will have the opportunity to write down and submit or ask the tough questions from the perspective of a school age child and they will be answered collaboratively with Ashleigh!

Ashleigh Davies is an early childhood educator with her bachelors in ECCE and has worked with children in a variety of roles over the last decade. Ashleigh has worked as a post-secondary instructor, leading ECE post-basic courses, and currently is the CAPC Coordinator and Parent Community Liaison with North Shore Community Resources and leads community of practices with her local CCRR.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Where is the conference being held? Victoria Inn, Winnipeg, MB, 1808 Wellington Avenue

How do I register and pay? Online with Visa, Visa Debit or Mastercard or by mail/in person with cheque

What will the institute cost to attend?

Parent Evening (only)	\$20.00 (MCCA member and Non Member)
Full Conference (2 days)	\$275.00 (MCCA Member) \$550.00 (Non Member)

What is included in my full conference fee?

- Morning refreshments & lunch (Friday & Saturday)
- Two full days of professional development

Good stuff to know:

- You cannot register for one day of the conference, it is either the Thursday evening event or the full (2 day) conference
- Please indicate online or on the registration form if you require a special meal
- There is no travel subsidy available
- You must be a personal member of MCCA as of Jan. 1/23 to qualify for the member rate. You cannot use the centre's membership to obtain the member rate
- All fees must accompany the registration
(Emailed and faxed registrations are not accepted)
- Cheques or money orders are payable to MCCA
- Registrations are on a first come first serve basis
- Registration deadline is January 29, 2024
- Cancellations and refunds will be accepted until January 2, 2024, less a \$50.00 administrative fee pp, substitutions can be made up to February 5, 2024. There are no refunds for the parent evening, substitutions only.
- Accommodations: for those who are from outside Winnipeg and would like to book a room. The cost is \$125.00+taxes single/double. Call 204-786-4801 and mentioned Group Block #294339 to receive the above rate.

For more information call Kayla Mauricio at 1-888-323-4676 ext. 223 or 204-336-5061 or email kmauricio@mccahouse.org



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NOTE: if you are only registering yourself, your name is not required in the workshop section. If you are a centre registering more than one individual, please indicate the name of each person registering.

Two Day Conference: F-CONF

Parent Night: PAR-EVE

Name: _____ MCCA # _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Centre/Organization Name: _____ MCCA # _____

Address: _____ City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Centre Email: _____

Please print names to ensure proper spelling on certificates

PARTICIPANT NAME & MEAL REQUIREMENT <small>V=Vegan, VEG=Vegetarian, GF = Gluten Free</small>	EMAIL	MCCA #	F- CONF	PAR- EVE	AMOUNT DUE
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*** if you wish to pay by credit card, please use our online payment options*

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Mail registration to: Manitoba Child Care Association 2-2350 McPhillips St Winnipeg, Manitoba R2V 4J6		