

# CELEBRATE KIDS!

INSPIRING GREATNESS IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS

## 2017 EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE

Saturday Nov. 4, 2017



- Early Childhood Educators
- Church Leaders & Teachers
- Preschool Educators
- Family Childcare Providers
- Infant & Toddler Caregivers
- Educational Assistants
- Special Needs Educators
- Out-of-School Educators
- Parents
- Grandparents

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**ADRIANA BELSHER**  
Adrianna has been a counsellor for inner-city schools in Abbotsford for many years. She is married with four adult children and attends Northview Community Church.

**SHARISSA DALBY**  
Sharisse is a registered nutritional counsellor who specializes in the link between digestive and mental health, helping patients eat their way to a healthy gut and happy mind. She also specializes in family nutrition and sports nutrition.

**RUTH DES COTES**  
Ruth has been on staff with A Rocha Canada for 14 years as an environmental educator. She runs outdoor programs for children from preschool to high school.

**MURIEL ENDERSBY**  
Muriel graduated in education from the University Of London. She created Fun Family Phonics after many years of teaching in elementary school, preschool, and as a college ECE instructor. She has owned her own preschool in White Rock and taught in England, China, and India, as well as in Canada.

**GEORGINA EXLEY**  
Georgina works at the Fraser Valley Child Development Centre and is a sessional instructor in the Education Assistant program at Columbia Bible College.

**BRYAN AND BRUCE GLUM**  
Bryan and Bruce are identical twin brothers. Their language acquisition was severely limited due to Auditory Discrimination Disorder, and at the age of 5, their speech was incomprehensible. They spent three years in speech therapy and then the rest of their school years in various learning assistance classes. Since graduating they have studied at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Bryan is currently a Learning Services Teacher, and Bruce is a Teacher Librarian.

**KAREN HILLS**  
Karen is an educator with over 30 years of experience teaching students in both public and independent schools. She is passionate about helping teachers learn about biblical integration. She has presented to teachers throughout Canada and internationally.

**BARB KRUEGER**  
Barb has been in the early childhood field since 2005. Her love for children started with her own four children. Barb is the co-owner and administration manager of "Fine Art of Play Childcare," which opened in 2010. She graduated from Columbia Bible College and has Diplomas in Biblical Studies, Early Childhood and Infant/Toddler Education.

**KATHLEEN MCMILLAN**  
Teacher by day, writer by night, Kathleen has been educating children for many years, and is the director at SouthRidge Childcare Centre in Langley. She has published three children's books and has been trained in The Stoplight Approach.

**DAVID AND MELISSA MCVETY**  
David and Melissa have shared in ministry for over 15 years and joined "Doing Family Right" as Assistant Directors in 2012. They are family and marriage educators, speakers, writers and coaches, who use their experiences to help equip many.

**GEORGE MELZER**  
George is a professor of Early Childhood Education at UFV. He has developed many learning resources for the preschool environment.

**CHELSEA MUTH**  
Chelsea has been working with 3 to 5 year-olds in daycare for 6 years. She is passionate about art and storytelling, and especially enjoys creating and using felt stories to connect with young children.

**CASSANDRA ROSTEK**  
Cassie first started educating young children as a swim instructor in 2005. She attended Columbia Bible College and received Certificates in Biblical Studies and Early Childhood Education. Cassie is the co-owner and program director of "Fine Art of Play Childcare," which opened in 2010. Cassie is the mother of two young children.

**MARALEA SCHROEDER**  
Maralea is a tutor for several children who need extra assistance in the learning process. She was previously an educational assistant and worked with the Richmond Supported Child Development Program.

**COLLETTE SQUIRES**  
Colette is an organizational consultant and mediator in private practice, a sessional faculty member at the Justice Institute of BC, and a published writer. She provides support and expertise to government and not-for-profit organizations, with a commitment to community wellness, engagement and human flourishing.

- 8:00 - 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 - 9:30 Keynote Address 1
- 9:30 - 10:00 Refreshment Break / Exhibits
- 10:00 - 11:00 Seminar A
- 11:00 - 11:30 Refreshment Break / Exhibits
- 11:30 - 12:30 Seminar B
- 12:30 - 2:00 Celebration Luncheon

**Luncheon Program will include:**  
Giveaways, recognitions, and a special musical feature

- 2:00 - 3:00 Seminar C
- 3:00 - 3:30 Refreshment Break / Exhibits
- 3:30 - 4:15 Keynote Address 2
- 4:15 Certificate Pick-Up

*Conference attendance is worth 8 hours towards recertification. Certificates will be distributed to those who attend the full day.*

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

- COST:**
- \$95.00** - Individual Rate
  - \$90.00** - Group Rate (3 or more from same school/centre/church)
  - \$105.00** - Late Registration Rate (after Oct. 24, 2017)

New ideas. Inspiration. Practical seminars. Teaching tools. Giveaways.

~ Lunch & coffee breaks are included ~

The purpose of the conference is to provide training and professional development for teachers and caregivers of children in all settings and to provide support and assistance to parents.

**CONFERENCE COORDINATOR — GWEN REESE**  
Faculty, Director of Educational Assistant Program

Online registration available at  
**WWW.COLUMBIABC.EDU/EC2017**

## CELEBRATE KIDS!

### KEYNOTE – PART I

*Big Questions, Big Answers*

How do we inspire greatness in children and help them succeed – no matter what their world may look like? That's a BIG question with BIG possibilities for answers! After many years of experience, and impacting hundreds of children over the lifetime of their careers, Erin Switzer and Vicki Bowker are teaming up to share some secrets they have learned over the years. In the first Keynote address they will look at areas that create behavioural, emotional, physical and learning roadblocks for children and how we can work to open a child's spirit through encouragement and creativity.

### KEYNOTE – PART II

*And Really Big Wins!*

In the second Keynote address Erin and Vicki will team up again to present a host of practical ways that we can help children overcome obstacles, find positive role models and rise to any challenge. Then – the best part – celebrating each “win” a child encounters. What can be more satisfying? What better legacy can we leave?

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**ERIN SWITZER** is a Certified Clinical Counsellor who has been involved in the field of education in both Alberta and British Columbia for 37 years. She has taught in elementary schools, presented in high schools, mentored teacher candidates and worked with children, staff, families and community agencies as an elementary school counsellor in Delta, BC.



**VICKI BOWKER** began teaching children 50 years ago – and it is still her passion. Throughout her career she has been a children's pastor, conference speaker, women's mentor, author, church education consultant and teacher trainer. Vicki is the proud mother of three married daughters and has seven young grandchildren.

## SEMINAR TRACKS

- Preschool Teachers and Workers (*Age 5 & under*)
- Elementary Teachers and Workers (*Grade 1-6*)
- ▲ Parents & Grandparents
- ◆ Church Teachers and Workers
- ➔ Educational Assistants (*LEA & SEA*)
- EA Columbia Bible College EA Students Only (*Course Requirement*)

### SEMINAR A \ \ 10:00 - 11:00

- A1** ●■▲◆ ➔ **OH, EXCUSE ME, TODAY YOU DON'T LIKE TOAST?**  
From diapers to dating, children continually grow and change. The changes can make our heads spin – what do the children we lead and learn from need from us at different times? This seminar will build perspective from recognized stages of development so we can effectively support, encourage and challenge our children.  
*Erin Switzer*
- A2** ●■▲◆ ➔ **SUCCESS FOR THE LEARNING DISABLED: TWIN BROTHERS TELL THEIR STORY**  
In this seminar you will get a glimpse of how positive influence can help struggling students find success, regardless of the struggles and failures school life might bring them. Presenters Bruce and Bryan Glum will share some of their personal journey of failure and success.  
*Bryan and Bruce Glum*
- A3** ●■▲◆ ➔ **CHILD TODAY, LEADER TOMORROW: BUILDING MORAL CHARACTER AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN OUR CHILDREN**  
At the heart of every good leader is a principled, ethical core, enhanced by emotional intelligence and people skills. This seminar explores the cognitive development of moral reasoning and principled thinking in children and how to foster emotional intelligence, empathy, compassion and collaboration to help children today become the leaders of tomorrow.  
*Colette Squires*

- A4** ●■▲◆ ➔ **THE STOPLIGHT APPROACH: PRACTICAL BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR LESS STRESS AND MORE JOY**  
This seminar offers behaviour management strategies that help you understand yourself and children. It focuses on long-term outcomes and teaches people to communicate and to self-regulate behaviour, creating a safer environment, which maximizes the potential for learning.  
*Kathleen McMillan*

- A5** ●■▲◆ ➔ **CROSSING THE MIDLINE: THE LOST ART OF CLIMBING TREES**  
Important development happens in infant, child and adolescent brains when they cross the midline. Benefits can include: improved behaviour in the classroom, better coordination, and an easier time listening and focusing. In this seminar, delegates will discuss the importance of and become equipped with the tools to help children with “Crossing the Midline.”  
*Barb Krueger and Cassandra Rostek*

- A6** ●■▲◆ ➔ **KIDS AND THE KITCHEN**  
One of the most creative places you can be to inspire children is in the kitchen! By fuelling their bodies and brains with nutritious foods, by developing in them a love for creative experimentation of flavours and presentation of food, and by teaching them important skills of food preparation... you CAN inspire children to greatness!  
*Sharisse Dalby*

- A7** ●■▲◆ ➔ **REFLECTIVE PRACTICE AND SELF-CARE**  
As an educator or parent do you struggle with feeling burned out? With mental health challenges? Lack of steam? This seminar will focus on a “best practice model,” offering essential building blocks to help you take charge of your life and develop greater collaboration, life satisfaction, steam and stamina!  
*Maralea Schroeder*

- A8** ●■▲◆ ➔ **LEARNING LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY BY CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT**  
What kinds of life experiences lead to responsibility and leadership in caring for our world? Explore formation in young people through working with plants and nature.  
*Ruth Des Cotes*

- A9** ●■▲◆ ➔ **BLOCKS: WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT LEARNING COULD BE SUCH FUN?**  
Building blocks can provide young children the foundation for learning math, physics, social studies, and leadership skills. This seminar will provide information about how young children play with blocks while they learn. Come prepared to build LEGO and discover how much fun children can have when they learn by playing with blocks.  
*George Melzer*

- A10** ●■▲◆ ➔ **CELEBRATE DIVERSITY**  
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*Georgina Exley*

- A11** EA **INTEGRATING BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW EVERY DAY PART 1**  
The best way to ensure that students are prepared to lead in the future is to ground their thinking in biblical truth. This seminar will introduce the ideas of biblical worldview, the importance of explicitly teaching worldview and ideas for incorporating biblical principles into all subject areas.  
*Karen Hills*

### SEMINAR B \ \ 11:30 - 12:30

- B1** ●■▲◆ ➔ **INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY: IMPACT ON CHILDREN**  
Poverty, as defined as two generations of living in poverty, has implications for children in their social, emotional and academic well-being. The culture of poverty will be discussed, as well as implications for working and supporting these children who live in poverty.  
*Adriana Belsher*

- B2** ●■▲◆ ➔ **FUN FAMILY PHONICS: AN EXCITING INTRODUCTION TO READING**  
Learn how you can get children excited to read. Enjoyable stories about Detective Dave and his family introduce children to the names of shapes and the sounds of each lower case and uppercase letter. Dave discovers word building of three letter words. Puppets, songs, stories, actions and games make learning to read a creative and fun adventure.  
*Muriel Endersby*

- B3** ●■▲◆ ➔ **CHILD TODAY, LEADER TOMORROW: BUILDING MORAL CHARACTER AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN OUR CHILDREN**  
(See Seminar A3) | *Colette Squires*

- B4** ●■▲◆ ➔ **GRANDPARENTS RULE**  
The role of grandparents has changed significantly over the last two decades. More and more they are raising their grandchildren, sharing homes, providing after-school care and helping to support the newest generation. This panel of grandparents knows all of this first-hand, and will be sharing lessons learned from their personal experiences.  
*Panel*

- B5** ●■▲◆ ➔ **THE STOPLIGHT APPROACH**  
(See Seminar A4) | *Kathleen McMillan*

- B6** ●■▲◆ ➔ **KIDS AND THE KITCHEN**  
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(See Seminar A8) | *Ruth Des Cotes*

- B9** ●■▲◆ ➔ **“BOSLEY’S BIG IDEA” MAKE AND TAKE**  
This is an interactive make-and-take felt story seminar. From the author of “Molly’s Cloud,” you will learn and create the story of Bosley the Bear, a good-natured friend, who sometimes struggles to believe in himself. This story is designed to celebrate the potential and unique gifts within each of us, however different we may be.  
*Chelsea Muth*

- B10** ●■▲◆ ➔ **BUILDING GREATER SECURITY = STRONG LEADERS**  
Learn how to raise confident kids who know their worth, possess a solid self-acceptance and acquire strength to stand strong as leaders even when needing to stand alone.  
*David and Melissa McVety*

- B11** EA **INTEGRATING BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW EVERY DAY PART 2**  
Part 2 builds on the first Biblical Worldview seminar. Successful biblical worldview integration does not mean more work for the educator, but it does require a different way of looking at the curriculum. This seminar will introduce a simple-to-follow process that will enable educators to ground curriculum in biblical truth.  
*Karen Hills*