



Jan 22th, 2024

Dear Northern Programs:

Aboriginal Infant Development Programs (AIDP)
Aboriginal Supported Child Development Programs (ASCD)
Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Programs (AECD)
Infant Development Programs (IDP)
Supported Child Development Programs (SCD)

RE: Professional Development:

With funds generously provided by the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Prince George Native Friendship Centre is hosting two days of Professional Development on April 23 and 24th 2024.

All the information is enclosed in this letter. If you have any questions or concerns, **please contact your Regional Advisor.** Please mark your calendars as the training is scheduled for:

- **April 23 and 24th, 2024 at the Prince George Native Friendship Center on the ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation**

Registration:

The overall conference is open to two staff members per agency. The conference organizers are excited to be able to waive registration fees for all Northern AIDP/ASCD/AECD/IDP/SCD Delegates! **To register, simply complete the attached registration form and fax it to 250-564-5946 or email it to aifdpadmin@pgnfc.com.**

Meals:

Complimentary breakfast will be provided for those staying at the Hyatt all other delegates will be responsible for their own breakfast. The conference will include lunch and snacks for Tuesday and Wednesday, your organization or you will be responsible for the cost of any snacks and dinners and any incidentals.

You are responsible for providing your own food and beverages if you have any food restrictions or allergies.

Accommodations:

Conference Organizers will book and pay for **one** hotel room (at the Hyatt Prince George- 585 Dominion Street) **per agency, which will be billed directly to the PGNFC.** Accommodations are based on **double occupancy**, so please specify whom you will be sharing a room with. **Please note that the Hyatt Prince George will require a credit card for a refundable deposit.** A confirmation number will be sent to you closer to the date of the training.

Remember, **to register, simply fill out the registration form and fax it to 1-250-564-5946 or email it to aifdpadmin@pgnfc.com.**

For further information or inquiries about the conference, please feel free to contact your Regional Advisor.

In Friendship,
NAECD Planning Committee

**Northern Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Training Conference
Registration Form**

Please register by: March 15th 2024

Email: aifdpadmin@pgnfc.com or Facsimile: 1-250-564-5946

Name:	Organization:
Address:	Telephone:
Email Address:	What type of program? (Circle one) AIDP / ASCD / AECD / BB / IDP / SCD

Accommodations:

Please specify how many night's accommodations you will need at the Courtyard Marriott, by placing a ✓ mark next to the number of days you will need a room for:

- Monday, April 22 2024
- Tuesday, April 23 2024
- Wednesday, April 24 2024

Guest Rooms are based on **double** occupancy. Who will you be sharing a room with:

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A confirmation number will be emailed to you prior to the training.

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A shuttle bus will be provided for those delegates staying at the Hyatt. The shuttle will pick you up at 8:15am and will bring you home after each day at 4:00pm. The conference will start at 9:00am on each day and will be broken into a morning session and an afternoon session with breaks, snacks and lunch provided.

Please note complimentary breakfast will be provided for those staying at the Hyatt, all other delegates will be responsible for their own breakfast.

Parking is available at PGNFC 1600 3rd Ave with a \$6.00 per day parking fee. Please DO NOT Park in the numbered reserved stalls, if you do you risk being ticketed or even towed. The only place to park at the PGNFC is in the middle section of the parking lot near the parking meter.

This year the Northern Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Training Conference is pleased to announce our guest presenter Dr. Deborah MacNamara. Dr MacNamara will be covering a variety of topics such as childhood challenges with anxiety, attention, resistance, frustration, aggression, attachment and listening. Dr MacNamara will also discuss childhood emotional development and wellbeing, as well as the roots of resilience and why relationships matter. She will also be speaking on the implication of raising children in a digital world.

Please feel free to check out Deborah's website at:

<https://macnamara.ca>



Dr. Deborah MacNamara

Dr. Deborah MacNamara is the author of the best-selling book *Rest, Play, Grow: Making Sense of Pre-schoolers (or anyone who acts like one)*, as well as the children's picture book, *The Sorry Plane*. *Rest, Play, Grow* has been translated into 14 languages. *The Sorry Plane* was awarded the Neufeld Institute Recommended seal for being congruent with developmental science and the relational-developmental approach of Dr. Gordon Neufeld. Her new book, *Nourished: Connection, Food, and Caring for our Kids (and everyone else we love)*, will be released September 19, 2023. Bulk orders of books are available for events. Deborah is on Faculty at the Neufeld Institute, and is the Director of Kid's Best Bet, a Counselling and Family Resource Center. She is a dynamic teacher and experienced counsellor who makes developmental science come to life in the everyday context of home and classroom. Deborah also provides counselling services to parents and professionals to make sense of learning, behavioural, and developmental issues in kids – from babies to teens. Deborah travels nationally and internationally, speaking to child and adolescent development issues to groups including the United Nations and the Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education. With over 60 presentations a year to groups including parents, educators, child-care professionals, social workers, foster and adopt community, and health care professionals, Deborah shares her insight and passion for making sense of kids. She is a developmentalist at heart who is continually fascinated by the mysteries and beauty inherent in human maturation.