



Alberta Family Child Care Association

Calgary Region

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**A Conference for
Family Child Care Professionals**

March 10th, 2012

Glenmore Inn ~ Calgary, Alberta

Featuring: Charlotte Diamond



**Canadian Juno Award
winner as a children's
performer and recording artist**



**For More Information visit our website
www.calgarychildcare.org**



SATURDAY MARCH 10TH, 2012

Glenmore Inn ~ 2720 Glenmore Trail ~ Calgary, Alberta

REGISTRATION 8:00am - 8:30am

The conference will begin at 8:45am with Keynote Speaker:

Charlotte Diamond - *Sing and Grow Together* *The Song is just the Beginning!*

Charlotte inspires educators to take full advantage of songs in the development of musical skills and preschool curriculum. When children sing together, play music and move rhythmically they activate the whole brain by using memory, auditory, linguistic, visual, emotional, kinesthetic, cooperative and creative skills. Children love to repeat songs over and over!

Rhythm, Rhyme and Repetition lead to Remembering. Learn more from Charlotte about songs and teaching ideas to enhance your curriculum and get everyone moving! Charlotte Diamond is a Juno Award Winning Canadian.



Visit the “Teacher’s Corner” on Charlotte’s website;
www.charlottediamond.com

MORNING SESSION #1 10:00am - 11:15am

Sandy Shuler – Understanding and Supporting Children and Families through Separation and Divorce

Participants will increase their understanding of the needs of children experiencing separation and divorce. Strategies will be introduced to help prioritize children’s adjustment and assist providers in their work with children and parents.

Penny Deeter – Water Play with a Twist

This workshop will teach you new ideas about water play for all ages. Come prepared to experience the wonder of water. This workshop is going to wow you with wonderful ways to play in water.



Theresa Wawrykow – How to Keep Food Safe

Food poisoning is at best very unpleasant, and at worst potentially deadly. In this session you’ll learn how to store, prepare, cook and serve food safely!

Vera Blower and Karen Thiessen – Effective Supervision and Identifying and Managing Sick Children in Child Care Settings

You work with children of different ages – infants to school age – how do you supervise the children in your home? What does effective supervision mean? How do you know if a child is sick? How do you approach parents and tell them you can’t accept them into your program due to illness? What strategies can you use to help prevent illness for children in your care and your own family? ***Come and test your skills and knowledge on these topics, have fun and take away ideas to help you in your dayhome.***

MORNING SESSION # 2 11:30am - 1:00pm

Bea Bennett – Observing and Programming

‘Why do observations, they are so time consuming?’ Come discover the importance of doing observations and all that we learn from them. We will take a look at what and who we should be observing and how to fit observations into our daily routine. We will then go through the process of how to use your observations to program plan – you and the children will have more FUN planning this way.

Ingrid Crowther – Celebrating Our Differences

This interactive workshop will focus on helping childcare professionals provide a learning environment that celebrates diversity. Discussions will focus on including families, providing developmentally and culturally appropriate materials and activities, and organizing of learning spaces.

Joanne Baxter – Understanding Behavior Developmentally

The workshop will focus on guidance of young children. Early childhood educators know young children and understand them from a developmental perspective. In this workshop, we will begin by considering behavioral concerns from a developmental perspective and then consider ways of managing behavior (most but not all!) by promoting development.

Theresa Wawrykow – Keeping Healthy in the Dayhome!

The sniffles, runny noses, sore throats, fever, vomiting, diarrhea and even things like lice and bed bugs can occur in the dayhome environment. In this session you’ll learn how to minimize these illnesses in your dayhome to keep everyone healthy and happy!

LUNCH, ENTERTAINMENT & NETWORKING 1:00pm – 2:45pm

Network while enjoying a delicious buffet lunch. Check out the great displays and resource booths for items and information to enhance your dayhome and even some treasures for yourself.

AFTERNOON SESSION 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Kathleen Carlson – Creative Outdoor Environments: Make it easy, make it FUN!

Why do we want to be outside? How to be prepared to go outside? What should we do when we get outside? You are your own best resource. We will brainstorm, and we will research IDEAS, IDEAS, and IDEAS together.

Bea Bennett – Guidance Strategies for Challenging Behaviors

Guiding children’s behavior can often be a challenging exhausting task. This workshop will look at “What is challenging behavior?” and the **WHY** behind the behavior. We will also look at factors that may contribute to the challenging behavior and discuss strategies we can use. You will leave this session with ideas on what you can do to possibly prevent these behaviors from occurring.

Ingrid Crowther – The Cutting Edge of Quality: Ethics and Professionalism

The focus of this workshop is on dynamic strategies to heighten quality practices within learning environments. Discussions will focus on principles of ethical practice, partnerships with families, and the goals of professionalism.

Charlotte Diamond – The Joy of Singing Leads to a Love of Language

Jump in and sing! Through Charlottes “easy to follow” **P.R.I.Z.E** method, which uses props, puppets, rhythm, imagination, zipper songs and echo songs, you’ll be inspired to take full advantage of songs and chants to assist in the development of language, creativity, social and communication skills of the children in your care. Participation and discussion is highly encouraged during this interactive workshop.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration due date is
Friday, February 17th 2012

Workshops will be confirmed in your package the day of the conference. All fees are non-refundable.

Registration Fees

Early Bird Conference Fee: \$125.00/person
After February 1st Conference Fee: \$140.00/person

Conference Agenda

8:00 - 8:30am -- Registration
8:45 - 9:45am -- Keynote: Charlotte Diamond
10:00 - 11:15am -- Morning Session 1
11:30 - 1:00pm -- Morning Session 2
1:00 - 2:45pm -- Lunch, Entertainment & Networking
3:00 - 4:30pm -- Afternoon Session



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Conference Registration

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Name: _____ Email: _____
Agency Name: _____ City: _____
Phone: _____ Food Allergies or Dietary Needs: _____

SESSION CHOICE

Please indicate your 1ST, 2ND, 3RD & 4TH choice in order of preference for each.

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*Registrations due by February 17th, 2012.
Complete registration form and mail with
your payment to:*

Calgary & Region FDH Agency Inc.
3224 – 28 St SW
Calgary AB T3E 2J6
Fax: 1-403-240-2668

Registration Payment

- Cheque Payment
(Payable to the AFCCA Calgary)

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