



Calgary and Area Regional Collaborative Service Delivery e-Newsletter

Mentoring

Calgary and Area Regional Collaborative Service Delivery identifies Building Capacity as one of the core pillars to integrating and improving service delivery. This includes building the capacity of children and youth through supports and services such as mentoring. The Alberta Mentoring Partnership has developed a website and brochure listed in this edition to support mentorship opportunities that support children and youth.

Updated Language

Calgary and Area Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) is a cross-ministry program between the Ministries of Health, Education, Children's Services, and Community and Social Services. This reflects a shift in language from the Government of Alberta, however, the commitment to collaborate with children and youth, their families, and service providers remains the primary focus as supports and services are integrated across partner systems.

Upcoming Opportunities

Trauma Informed Learning Series: Day One

Workshop

April 25, 2017

The Trauma Informed Learning Series will support practitioners in identifying the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), the signs and symptoms of trauma, how to implement Trauma Informed Practices (TIC) in their work, and how to support TIC at the organizational level with reflective coaching and mentoring. The three-part series can be taken individually or woven together for implementation. Click [here](#) to register.

Engaging and Respecting Autism: A Pathway to Engaging and Understanding A Child With Autism

Webinar

April 26, 2017

This 90 minute presentation will explore how DIR[®] and DIRFloortime[®] can help families and professionals better engage, respect, and understand Autism. DIR[®] is an approach to help children communicate better with their environment. It was developed by Dr. Stanley Greenspan to help families support their child's development. It is an incredibly powerful approach to help children with Autism relate, communicate, think, and learn.

Click [here](#) to register.

Enhancing Deaf or Hard of Hearing Students' Social Skills and Engaging Parents

Workshop

May 4, 2017 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Designed for Teachers and audiologists who work with children who are either deaf or hard of hearing, this workshop will focus on developing skills in separate, but related challenges.

Click [here](#) to register.

Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI): An Approach to Assessment and Intervention

Workshop

May 9, 2017 9:00 – 3:30 pm

Calgary Career and Technology Centre, 2336 53 Avenue SW

This one-day workshop will explore cortical visual impairment, methods for assessment of functional vision, how to design interventions and adaptations, strategies to build learning and language skills and communication, and other key topics.

Click [here](#) to register.

**Global Perspectives on Inclusive Education – Chinese and Western Approaches to Inclusion
Workshop – Edmonton**

May 15, 2017, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in and learn from discussion regarding best practices and share their own experiences of the practicality of providing for all learners within the regular school system.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Augmentative and Alternative Communication Summer Camp

Camp

July 28-30, 2017

A camp for children aged 6-19 years old who use speech generating communication devices. Augmentative and Alternative Communication Camp in Alberta is a 3-day overnight camp specializing in increasing the communication abilities and socialization skills of children and teens who are augmentative communication users. Camp activities include games, arts and crafts, music, drama, and more!

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Camp Independence!

Save the Date

July 24 – 28, and July 31 – August 4, 2017

Two camps, one for 12 to 15 year olds, and one for 16 to 19 year olds for youth who are followed by a clinic at Alberta Children's Hospital. The camp will build various pertinent life skills, including an introduction to community mobility and navigation skills (using the transit system), recreation, cooking, nutrition, money management, medical self-management, and pre-employment skills.

Email [Tegan Weir](#) for more information and to register.

Reports and Research

Making Positive Connections: Building Positive Relationships with Mentoring Programs

Alberta Mentoring Partnership has created brochure for mentoring in schools for children and youth and everyone who works with them.

Click [here](#) to see the whole brochure.

Click [here](#) to access the website, and sections for [Children and Parents](#), and [Schools and Agencies](#).

Comprehensive Literacy Guides K-6

The Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium has created elementary literacy guides for teachers, administrators, learning coaches, and other educational staff. These eleven learning guides provide a foundational understanding of the key components of elementary literacy instruction. Each guide includes a snapshot of the identified literacy component, connections to the Alberta English Language Arts Programs of Study K-6, planning and assessment guidelines, insights from consultants and literacy experts, photos and videos of the strategies in action, and recommended resources, as well as options for modifications, technology integration and considerations for inclusion.

Click [here](#) to access the Guides.

What is Comprehensive School Health? Joint Consortium for School Health

Comprehensive school health is an internationally recognized framework for supporting improvements in students' educational outcomes while addressing school health in a planned, integrated and holistic way. It is not just about what happens in the classroom. Rather, it encompasses the whole school environment with actions addressing four distinct but inter-related pillars that provide a strong foundation for comprehensive school health.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) to access the full info sheets.

Calgary Regional Consortium eNewsletter

The Calgary Regional Consortium (CRC) provides professional learning opportunities. See their

newsletter for upcoming training sessions.
Click [here](#) to view their website for Newsletter and Program Offerings.

Please take a moment to forward this eNewsletter to your colleagues and encourage them to sign up at:
<http://www.CalgaryandAreaRCSD.ca/news-and-events/newsletter-signup/>. We send out an eNewsletter once a month between September and June with reviewed information relevant to everyone who works together for children and youth.