

## ABC and Beyond: The Hanen Program for Building Emergent Literacy Skills

This evidence-based program, consisting of four group sessions (three one-day and one half-day session) and three personalized videotaping and feedback sessions trains child care providers how to lay the foundation for literacy during daily interactions with the children. Participants will learn specific strategies to support the development of oral language, vocabulary, language for thinking and learning, print knowledge, phonological awareness and knowledge of the alphabet.

For more information, contact Janice Greenberg, Learning Language and Loving It Program Manager, The Hanen Centre, 416-921-1073 ext. 246 or [janice.greenberg@hanen.org](mailto:janice.greenberg@hanen.org).

## Advanced Special Needs Training for Early Childhood Educators

**Information Night on September 13, 2010**  
**Classes will be held from October 2010 to May 2011**

**Time:** 4:30PM – 7:30PM

**Location:** George Brown College, 99 Gerrard St. East (Gerrard & Church St.)

**Presenter:** Rita Barron

**Stream:** Early Childhood Educators and Supervisors Child Development Institute and George Brown College offer a joint course for Early Childhood Educators and Supervisors who currently work in childcare in Toronto. The course focuses on specialized skill training in working with children with special needs and their families. The goal of this initiative is to strengthen the capacity of early childhood educators to respond to children with special needs. The curriculum will reflect a philosophy of inclusive treatment with special needs in early childhood settings.

**Price:** \$120.00 Tuition (subject to change) and Materials Fee

**Payable to:** George Brown College, Materials fee to Child Development Institute

For further information, please contact Theo Lax, Child Development Institute, 416-603-1827 ext. 4239 or by email: [tlax@childdevelop.ca](mailto:tlax@childdevelop.ca)

## Building Friendships: Train the Trainer Program

**Jan. 2011 – May 2011**

**Training sessions:** 7 training sessions, 3 weeks apart  
**PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS**

**Session Times:** 9:00AM – 12:00PM

**Location:** Community Living Toronto (exact location to be determined)

**Fee:** \$50.00

**Presenters:** John Breuer, Behaviour Management Consultant, Cathy Kerr, Early Childhood Consultant, Nimet Inceoglu, Lead Agency Representative  
The purpose of this program is to train Special Needs Resource Staff to deliver the Building Friendships Program to community child care settings. *Participants are required to:*

- Attend all training sessions and complete assigned work between sessions
- Be available to deliver Building Friendships consultation once a week to a designated child care centre
- Co-lead a Building Friendships Program over the next two years

*Topics covered in the training include:*

- Understand development of social skills in young children.
- Learn to assess social needs in children that impede social skill development
- Identify how and when to intervene in conflicts between young children
- Determine how to make the classroom environment more amenable to social skill development
- Develop social skill activities to meet the social needs of children
- How to help teachers implement what they learn in the Program to meet the realities of their classroom

To receive an application form, please contact: John Breuer at 416-225-7166, ext. 229, or by email at: [jbreuer@cltoronto.ca](mailto:jbreuer@cltoronto.ca) by November 1, 2010. Participants will be selected from applications received.

## Sexual Behaviour Problems in Children Under 12 with Dr. Dana Costin & Dr. Tracey Curwen

**Thursday, September 30, 2010 & Friday, October 1, 2010**

**9:00AM – 4:30PM** (Registration begins at 8:30AM)

**Location:** North York Memorial Community Hall, 5110 Yonge Street (north of Sheppard, between Park Home Ave. & Hillcrest Ave.)

*Dr. Dana Costin, Ph.D. C. Psych,* is a registered clinical and forensic psychologist who specializes in assessment and treatment of adolescents who have sexually offended, children and adolescents who have experienced trauma, children exhibiting sexualized behaviours, and their families. She has provided training and she has also recently co-authored a book chapter focused on risk-related issues in children with concerning sexual behaviours. *Tracey Curwen, Ph.D.,* has worked in the field of sexual abuse for over 15 years and she has authored and co-authored a number of manuscripts and provided trainings on the characteristics of sexually offending adolescents, treatment outcomes, and risk assessment protocols. Dr. Curwen is validating a risk assessment protocol she developed for children identified for sexual behaviour problems as well as investigating why some young victims of sexual abuse engage in problematic sexual behaviours while others do not. Dr. Curwen is Assistant Professor of Psychology at Nipissing University.

Understanding research is key to providing evidence-based practice in the assessment and treatment of children (<12 years of age) presenting with sexual behaviour problems. This training will focus on the clinical skills necessary to conduct a comprehensive assessment and provide treatment of sexual behaviour problems in children. The presenters will provide an overview of the research, discuss current best practices, and use case examples to illustrate strategies to assess and treat children with sexual behaviour problems.

*This two-day training will:*

- Lay the foundation – provide an overview of the research and empirically based, Best Practice Guidelines for assessment and treatment.
- Outline empirical evidence regarding what to assess and who might be at risk to continue once identified.
- The roles of multi-systems in assessment and treatment i.e., who needs to be involved and how (i.e., caregivers, systems, schools, other professionals).
- Treatment options, strategies and tools.

### Registration Fees:

Quadrant Member Agencies	\$125
Students	\$125
All Others	\$150

### For more information or to register:

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