

Best Start Resource Centre Northern Conference

First Nation Perspectives on Child Development

Description

This session will provide an overview of First Nation perspectives on child development. It will share information about developmental targets and how parents support reaching these targets. The session will help service providers to develop their skills for working with First Nation families that have young children and to understand their perspectives on nurturing the development of children.

Expected Learning Outcomes

1. Increased knowledge of wholistic wellness
2. Increased knowledge of traditional approaches to child wellness
3. Increased knowledge of the 7 Stages of Life
4. Increased knowledge of contemporary applications of wholistic wellness

Speaker Bio: Jaynane Burning-Fields

Jaynane Burning-Fields is Aboriginal from Six Nations Reserve and was raised in the traditional culture. She has spent 16 years working at the provincial level as a manager of the Aboriginal Children's programmes that service the urban Aboriginal population. Jaynane's knowledge and skill set have been developed through this work and have been strengthened by her knowledge of traditional values and principles. Jaynane has had the opportunity to use her skills and knowledge about culture based programming in various capacities, including working with Statistics Canada on the development of the Aboriginal Children's Survey, the Ministry of Children and Youth's Panel of Experts (Early Learning Framework), and the Foundation of International Training – Egypt. Jaynane is currently the Executive Director of the Niagara Regional Native Centre.

Agenda

Time	Topics
9:00am - 10:00am	- Introductions - Contextual History "Our Story" - Wellness Wheel
10:00am - 10:30am	- Refreshment Break
10:30am - 12:00pm	- Traditional Approaches
12:00pm - 1:00pm	- Lunch
1:00pm – 2:00pm	- Seven Stages of Life Wheel
2:00pm – 2:30pm	- Refreshment Break
2:30pm – 4:00pm	- Contemporary Applications
4:00pm	- Adjournment