

Parent Workshop

The Journey - Raising Our Deaf & Hard of Hearing Kids

Saturday, October 22, 2016

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Language, Learning & Literacy

Charlotte Enns (Associate Dean and a professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba) will provide information about how early exposure to language is connected to later learning and literacy development. Her main focus will be on sharing ways that families can reinforce their child's language and literacy learning.

The Power of Stories

Kim Sanderson (Communications Consultant and proud mom of a son who is Deaf) will draw from her experience raising a deaf son and hearing daughter to discuss the importance of identifying and reinforcing your child's strengths as a means of developing a strong foundation for their life plan.

Hosted by parent support organizations



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Provincial Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Deaf-Blind Well-Being Program
BC Early Hearing Program

For Your Kids

Childcare and Deaf Youth Today (DYT) Fun Day have limited space & will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Registration is required.

Baby to preschool age:

Childcare will be provided onsite for deaf/hard of hearing children and their hearing siblings up to age 5.

\$10 per child, please bring a bagged lunch for each child, including snacks & drinks.

Kindergarten to grade 7 age: DYT FUN DAY!

A day of fun and activities celebrating sign language and your deaf and hard of hearing child (Kindergarten to Grade 7) organized by our experienced Deaf Youth Today staff. We hope to have most of the day's events onsite. Due to limited space at South Slope, there is a chance DYT will go offsite for part of the day (e.g. to a local community centre). DYT will inform you of the schedule by email. Deaf Youth Today values the importance and benefit of sign language. Our staff use ASL in our program.*

Cost: \$10.00 per child, please bring a bagged lunch & drinks
Questions? Contact: dyt@fndc.ca

**Based on response to DYT programming during past joint workshops, DYT emphasizes that staff may or may not use listening/speaking as a communication tool. This is an individual and personal choice which DYT understands and respects. DYT will provide interpreters so that children new to sign language feel welcomed and encouraged to join the program. This is a great peer/mentoring opportunity for deaf and hard of hearing children in an ASL-rich environment.*

Parent Focused

This event is specifically for parents who have deaf/hard of hearing children or teens (age 0-18 years). Our organizations believe in the value of parents connections - the workshop will include opportunities to share your stories, ask questions, and network with other parents.

Schedule

9:30 Arrive and get settled in childcare
(bring your own coffee/tea)

10-12 **The Power of Stories**

Kim Sanderson

12-1 Lunch

1-3 **Language, Learning & Literacy**

Charlotte Enns

Communication

ASL Interpreters & CART captioning will be provided.

Location

Burnaby:
Southslope Elementary and
BC School for the Deaf
4446 Watling Street,
Burnaby

Registration

Cost:

\$15 per adult - includes lunch

\$10 per child for childcare - bring a bagged lunch, snack, drink

\$10 per child for DYT program - bring your own bagged lunch

Registration required by October 10 online at

www.chhaparents.com. Payment can be made online via PayPal.

Presenters



Charlotte Enns

Charlotte Enns is the Associate Dean and a professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba. She was originally trained as a speech-language pathologist, but she has always considered herself more of an educator than a clinician, and she later pursued a doctorate degree in Educational Psychology at the University of Manitoba. She currently teaches in the area of inclusive education and her primary research interest is in the bilingual education of deaf students, with a particular emphasis on language acquisition and assessment, and literacy development. She believes passionately in the need for all students to realize their potential through the development of language and literacy.



Kim Sanderson

Kim Sanderson works professionally as a Communications Consultant, creating media campaigns for governments. She is also a very proud mom. Together with her husband Paul she has raised two children - Ashley, her hearing daughter who is a very skilled Special Education Assistant for Surrey School Board; and Cole, who is profoundly deaf and works as a successful web developer in Vancouver. Kim is also very proud to have been involved in the creation of the BC Early Hearing Program video "Nice to Meet You," as she believes there are many approaches and paths to raising a successful and happy deaf adult.