

METIS NATION OF ONTARIO

Early Learning and Child Care Conference

February 24th & 25th, 2024



White Oaks Resort and Spa

253 Taylor Rd, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0

Safe Space & Vendor Information:

- Self-Care Safe Space – Location: Studio 1; Availability: Entire Conference Duration
- Métis Roots Cultural Museum – Location: Studio 8; Availability: Breaks, Lunches and Rendezvous Evening
- Goodminds Bookstore – Location: Studio 9; Availability: Breaks, Lunches and Rendezvous Evening
- Vendor Fair – Location: Grand Event Ballroom Foyer, Studio 10, Studio 11; Availability: Breaks, Lunches and Rendezvous Evening

Friday February 23, 2024

7:00 pm – Conference Registration – Location: Registration Table
9:00 pm

Saturday February 24, 2024

7:30 am Breakfast & Conference Registration – Location: Sunhill Dining Room

8:30 am Opening Prayer – Location: Grand Event Ballroom
Senator Jean-Jacque Séguin

8:45 am Welcoming Remarks - Location: Grand Event Ballroom
President Margaret Froh, Minister Jenna Suds

9:00 am ELCC Baby Bundle and Christmas Gift Program Presentation – Location: Grand Event Ballroom
Early Learning Specialists; Heather Ferguson and Sarah Spethmann

9:30 am Knowledge Holder Panel – Location: Grand Event Ballroom
Senators: Steven Callaghan, Liliane Ethier, Derrick Pont

10:30 am HEALTH BREAK

10:45 am Early Learning and Child Care Presentation – Location: Grand Event Ballroom
ELCC Programs & Services; ELCC Infrastructure & Partnerships

12:00 pm LUNCH – Location: Grand Event Ballroom

1:00 pm Keynote Speaker: Mary Gordon – Location: Grand Event Ballroom

2:45 pm HEALTH BREAK

3:00 pm Breakout sessions

- Utilizing Resources: French Session - Location: Studio 2
- Crafting Connections: A Fibre Experience - Location: Studio 3
- Building Responsive Environments Through Meaningful Relationships, A Conversation Session - Location: Studio 4, 5 & 6
- Interactive Storytelling Experience: MétisALIVE- Location: Studio 12
- Using the ELCC Education Kit in your Child Care Program- Location: Studio 13
- ELCC Infrastructure & Partnerships: Story Bag Launch - Location: Upper Ballroom
- Beadwork Session- Location: Upper Ballroom
- A Real Life Métis Superhero: Louis Riel Book Launch - Location: Idea Loft

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4:30 pm End of day

6:00 Dinner & Rendez-vous Night – Location: Grand Event Ballroom
Entertainers': Métis Jiggers – jiggling, games, trivia, 'A Great Métis Christmas Feast' book reading, and more!

Sunday February 25, 2024

7:30 am BREAKFAST – Location: Sunhill Dining Room

9:00 am We all belong: Diversity Inclusion in the Learning Environment– Location: Grand Event Ballroom

ELCC Programs & Services Manager; Amanda Pont-Shanks

9:45 am HEALTH BREAK

10:00 am Breakout sessions

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- A Real Life Métis Superhero: Louis Riel Book Launch - Location: Idea Loft
- Métis Jiggers – Jiggling Session – Location: Directors Room

12:00 pm LUNCH

1:00 pm Closing Prayer – Location: Grand Event Ballroom

Senator: Jean-Jacque Seguin

1:30 pm Closing Remarks and Feedback Survey – Location: Grand Event Ballroom

2:00 pm Conference Kit Pick Up – Location: Studio 11

2:30 pm End of Conference