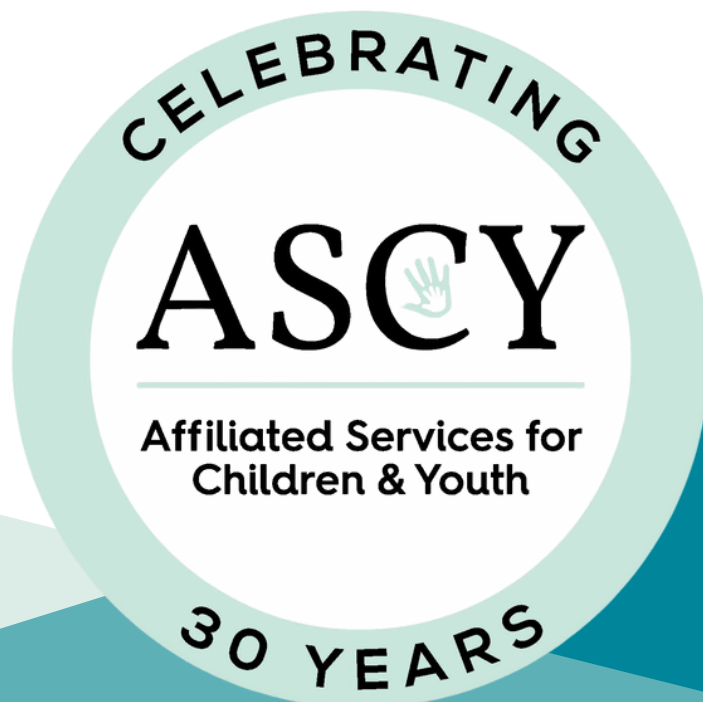




PROFESSIONAL LEARNING BROCHURE

January – June 2025
Haldimand Norfolk



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OUR VALUES

Trust and Respect:
Building a foundation based on appreciation, understanding and acceptance.

Relationships:
Creating communities by strengthening collaborations.

Continuous Learning:
Embracing ongoing exploration, growth and adaptability.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging:
Cultivating an environment where all voices are listened to and valued.

Join Us for Our 30th Anniversary Open House Celebration!

We're thrilled to invite you to a special event marking 30 years of making a difference in our community! Come celebrate this milestone with us at our **30th Anniversary Open House**.

 Date: June 19, 2025

 Time: 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

 Location: 526 Upper Paradise Road, Unit A, Hamilton, ON

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Explore our history and impact over three decades.
- Connect with staff and community members.
- Enjoy light refreshments and activities.
- Learn about our future plans and how you can get involved.

We wouldn't have reached this milestone without your support. Let's celebrate the past, present, and future together!

We can't wait to see you there!



PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE

Tuesday
Wednesday

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM



28 King Street West
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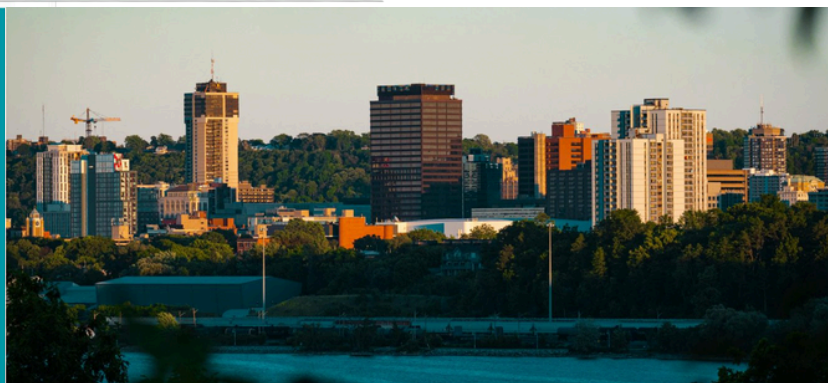


North American Reggio Emilia Alliance

narea conference

The 16th NAREA Winter Conference

March 20–22, 2025 | Hamilton, Ontario



Registration:

Register online at www.reggioalliance.org/winter-conference

Cost – Early Bird Rate by February 6

CA Residents: \$425 US Funds (member) or \$525 US Funds (non-member)

Cost – Regular Rate after February 6

CA Residents: \$525 US Funds (member) or \$625 US Funds (non-member)

Featured Speakers:

Educators from Reggio Emilia, Italy

Location:

Carmen's Event Centre, 1520 Stone Church Road E., Hamilton

Hosted By:

Affiliated Services for Children and Youth and the City of Hamilton



NORTH AMERICAN REGGIO EMILIA ALLIANCE (NAREA) EXHIBIT AND ATELIER 2025

“Bordercrossings: Encounters with Living Things and Digital Landscapes”

ASCY together with the City of Hamilton Early Years Division, is thrilled to be hosting the NAREA and Reggio Children exhibit entitled: “Bordercrossings: Encounters with Living Things and Digital Landscapes”. The exhibit will be housed in Hamilton at the Hamilton Italian Centre from February to July 2025. The exhibition is a collection of works by the children and adults of the municipal infant-toddler centers and preschools of Reggio Emilia. The exhibition is accompanied by an atelier for investigation and experimentation, appointed with technological tools, instruments and organic materials. Combining the exhibition with an atelier is an interactive strategy that expresses theory and practice of the educational experience. More details to follow on the hours of the exhibit and the exciting professional learning opportunities that will be offered throughout the duration of the exhibition while in Hamilton. Looking forward to seeing you all at the exhibit!



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Learning communities are intended to support educators in all areas and participants help determine the ideas and topics discussed. Colleagues will have an opportunity to share and discuss practices, resources, and ideas.

EARLY LEARNING CHILD CARE NETWORK

Dates: January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, 2025

Location: Virtual

Time: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Description: ELCCN is a centralized network primarily for those in a leadership capacity. The network provides opportunities for collaboration and professional learning and serves as a vehicle for communication from the CMSM and other community partners. Participants will share resources and best practices with a view to supporting quality in early learning and child care.

Facilitators: Community Partners

LEADERSHIP FOUNDATIONS

Dates: January 29, March 26, 2025

Location: Virtual

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Description: This virtual learning community is for current or aspiring Program Leads, Designates, Supervisors, Assistants, or leaders in training for succession planning. This is an opportunity to network with others engaged in the on-going journey of leadership. A Learning Community is a safe environment of critical inquiry where leaders can share successes and challenges, co-construct knowledge, and reflect on assumptions and beliefs. The dialogue will be guided by a professional learning and mentoring process as set out in *Stepping Side by Side*; a resource developed by ASCY to support on-boarding and mentoring. Through this process we aim to support leaders in making clear connections for educators to our guiding documents including "How Does Learning Happen?: Ontario's pedagogy for learning through relationships", and the CECE Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

Facilitators: Tracey Webster, Shari Bell

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SCHOOL AGE LEARNING COMMUNITY

Dates: February 25, April 22, May 27, 2025

Location: Virtual

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Description: This opportunity is suited for those educators working in before and after school programs or with school aged children. This learning community provides a safe environment for critical inquiry where educators can share their successes and challenges, co-construct knowledge, and reflect on their role as an educator and their engagement with children and families in the program. The dialogue will be guided by the experiences and interests of the group. Discussions will be relevant to the trends in school age programs such as self-regulation, relationships, shared spaces, programming, environments, etc.

Facilitators: Nicole Colterman, Diane Medeiros

MR. ECE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Dates: February 19, April 16, 2025

Location: Virtual

Date: June 18, 2025

Location: TBD

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Description: The men who have been meeting have enjoyed their time together and came up with a new name to represent their group. Please join us for a community of practice for those who identify as male to come together and share their experience in the field. It will be a safe space to share ideas, challenges, and barriers, as well as work together to come up with possible strategies to help support gender diversity in the field.

Facilitators: Jeff Bushell, Nicole Colterman



Professional Learning

SCHOOL AGE WINTER SYMPOSIUM - SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Date: Friday January 17, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Hamilton Family & Child Supports Auditorium, 26 Arrowsmith Rd., Hamilton

Description: Participants will take part in a two hour interactive learning experience, packed with practical ideas for winter camp activities. We're excited for hands-on exploration, creativity, and a collection of winter themed resources to enrich your seasonal programs.

RIRO - REACHING IN REACHING OUT

Dates: Begins January 29 and runs every Wednesday until March 5, 2025

Time: 6:15 PM - 8:45 PM

Location: Virtual

Description: Designed to reach young children under the age of eight years, Reaching IN...Reaching OUTSM (RIRO) Resiliency Skills Training Programme works by laying a strong foundation of thinking and coping skills that support resilience in the adults who care for and work with them. RIRO teaches "3Rs of Resilience"– skills to help Relax, Reflect, and Respond effectively to life's challenges. RIRO Resiliency Skills Training Programme gives childcare and early learning staff and service providers skills and theory to support a relationship based reflective practice and provides a framework for creating a "culture of resilience" in programs serving young children.

Facilitators: Amanda Karr & Negin Zarifian

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SAVE THE DATE-VIRTUAL JOINT PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENT FEATURING KATE WINN

Kate focuses her media work on education, particularly literacy, and is the coproducer and host of IDA Ontario's Reading Road Trip podcast. More details to follow.

Date: February 26, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

NURTURING CHILDREN THROUGH RESPONSIVE FEEDING IN CHILD CARE SETTINGS

Date: February 6, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Description: Looking to create a positive, inclusive environment that is supportive of learning and development? Child care professionals are invited to join us for this interactive workshop about responsive feeding, where you'll learn: Age appropriate expectations when feeding little ones, strategies to support young children as they learn to eat a variety of food, how to have inclusive and respectful conversations around all foods, tips to address common mealtime situations, & about additional food and nutrition resources for child care professionals.

Facilitator: Courtney Laurie, Registered Dietitian, Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit

CREATE TO LEARN- STORY STRETCHERS

Dates: April 23, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Jarvis Lawn Bowling, 2020 Main St. S., Jarvis

Description: When "hands on" materials are available to children, we unlock their literacy potential. Join us as we explore the many ways to tell a story and learn about the emergent literacy skills children gain during story time. Participants will have the opportunity to create story invitations to take back to the classroom during this session. Participants will take home the book and resources created.

SUNFLOWER SCHOOL CARPOOL TOUR

Date: June 4, 2025

Time: 9:15 AM-12:15 PM

Cost: \$45

Location: The Sunflower School, 9 Townline, Orangeville

Description: Join us for a guided tour to explore the vibrant classrooms, and engaging documentation at The Sunflower School in Orangeville. Carpooling arrangements will take place after registration.



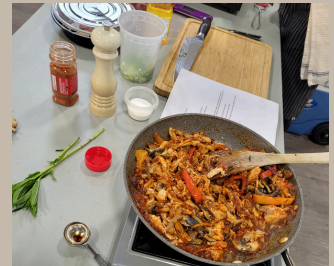
Be sure to keep an eye on your inbox for other event flyers and reminders!



Wellness Wednesday

Our Wellness Wednesdays foster connections among educators and provide an opportunity to prioritize well-being. These sessions highlight businesses and professionals from the Haldimand Norfolk and neighboring regions. All sessions have an associated cost, and require supervisor approval to attend.

A look at the past



It made me forget everything that was going on in my world for an hour. It was nice to put myself first. This was also a time for me to connect with other staff from my centre as we did dinner beforehand.
~Christine

It got me out of the house doing something fun with people I enjoy being around.
~ Kristy

WELLBEING

Date: January 29, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Description: Yahoo a brand new year! A fresh new year to focus on you and your wellness. What will your theme be this year? What steps will you take to care of the most important person in your life, YOU? How can we make more time for wellness when life is just so busy? Darci Lang is excited to see you again and spend a wellness evening together.

Facilitator: Darci Lang



SIGN WORKSHOP

Date: March 26, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club, 2020 Main St. S, Jarvis

Description: Join us for an engaging evening where creativity meets relaxation. In this hands-on workshop, you'll have the opportunity to craft a personalized sign for your home or classroom. This is a perfect chance to unwind, express your creativity, and leave with a beautiful piece of art for your home.

Registration Deadline: March 19, 2025

Cost: \$30

Facilitator: Take Home Creations



MEDITATION AND YOGA

Date: April 30, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (or 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Location: 127 Woodley Rd., Waterford

Description: This 60 minute class blends Yin, Restorative, and Yoga Nidra. Class will begin with Yin, a deep Fascial release to help hydrate connective tissues through well supported poses and breathing exercises. End of class will include a restorative Pose with lots of props to promote comfort and relaxation. This meditation is designed to promote deep rest and restore the physical body.

Registration Deadline: April 16, 2025

Cost: \$20

Facilitator: Inhale Exhale Move Yoga



SPRING FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

Date: May 28, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: 26 Main St. S, Hagersville

Description: Join us for a delightful evening of creativity and nature as we guide you through the art of floral arrangement. This workshop will teach you the techniques to create stunning spring centerpieces using fresh, vibrant blooms. Enjoy the calming atmosphere and let your imagination blossom as you learn to balance colours and textures to craft your own masterpiece.

Registration Deadline: May 21, 2025

Cost: \$30

Facilitator: Special Touch Flowers





Episode 45: A Conversation with Janet Nezon About Finding Joy in Food

In this episode, part of our series highlighting presenters from the May 2024 Embracing The Early Years Professional Learning Day, ASCY's Nancy Baverstock and Leslie Busija engage in a conversation with Janet Nezon, the founder of Rainbow Plate. Janet shares her expertise on understanding children's eating habits and how mealtimes can create a sense of belonging. She offers valuable tips for addressing food preferences and discusses the importance of balancing nutrition with fun and enjoyment during mealtimes in early childhood settings.



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IN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Our team is available to collaborate with you in organizing sessions tailored to the specific goals and interests of your centre.



Lunch & Learns
Staff Meetings



Some Topics of Interest:
Continuous Professional Learning
Reaching In Reaching Out
Tools For Life
Personality Dimensions
Self-Reg
Pedagogical Documentation
Loose Parts
Outdoor Environments
And more.....



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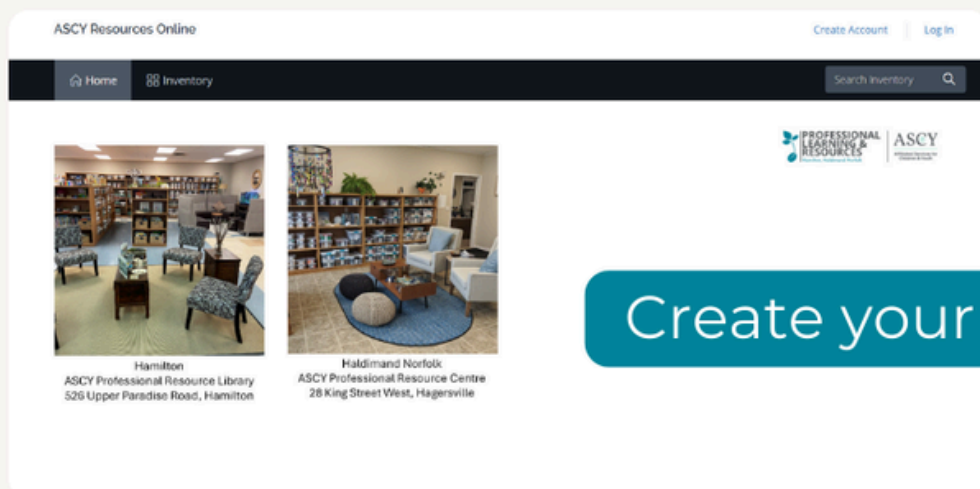
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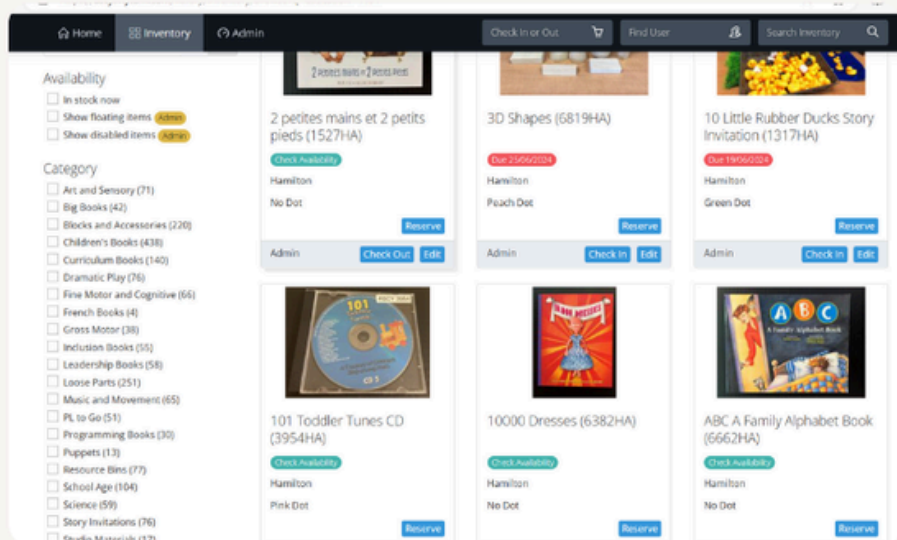
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