

The Halton Resource Connection
Professional Learning Opportunities
Come Learn With Us Today
Our Vision

A leader and essential partner for professional excellence in the Halton Early Learning and Care community.

Our Mission

THRC works in partnership with individuals, organizations and families promoting the best interest of all children and youth within Halton and the broader community.

[Visit thrc.ca for more information](http://thrc.ca)

How To Register Online for Professional Learning Sessions

Register yourself online for Professional Learning sessions at thrc.ca, this ensures a space is reserved for you.

Once registered for a session(s), you will receive a registration confirmation, as well as a session reminder email.

Contact us for other ways to Register

Register over the phone by calling 905-875-4600 ext. 141 OR Visit us at 410 Bronte Street South in Milton to register in person during operating hours.

- Login to your THRC online account at thrc.ca (If you don't have an online account with THRC, set up an account by simply creating a username and a password.)
- Once you are logged in, click on the Professional Learning tab, scroll down and find the session you want to register for.
- Click on the session title, scroll down and complete the registration form. When you have completed the online form, click on the "send my booking" button, and your information will be sent to our administrative team.
- If a session requires payment, you can do that easily through the PayPal prompt.
- Once you receive a confirmation email, you have successfully registered for the session.

Curriculum Supports and Program Practices Professional Learning Sessions

Having issues registering for professional learning online?

Email administrativeassistant@thrc.ca for support.

Look for the icon, to identify sessions featuring a **THRC Podcast** for deeper insights on the topic.

The Standards of Practice serves as the foundational framework guiding professional conduct and practice for all Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs).

Look for the icon that highlights the sessions corresponding to each standard.

Supervisors Connections: Leadership Series

Leadership is an ever-evolving journey that requires adaptability, insight, and a commitment to growth. Whether you are looking to refine your skills or gain new perspectives, these sessions offer a variety of topics designed to support and enhance your leadership practice.

THRC is excited to welcome Dr. Elaine Cook, PhD as she shares her expertise and insights. Elaine recently completed her doctorate in applied behavioural psychology at the University of Toronto, where her research focused on solution-focused coaching, cultural psychology and communication as mediators of personal and team development.

Professionals working in Halton Region: \$15

Outside Halton Region: \$25

Light refreshments will be provided

Leadership Connection Series: Beautiful Constraints

MARCH 26, 2025

9:30AM – 12:00PM

Haber Community Centre

3040 Tim Dobbie Drive, Burlington

Community Room #1

Post-pandemic stress and anxiety challenge individuals and workplaces, compounded by constraints like time, resources, and finances.

This session teaches participants to identify, reframe, and leverage constraints to enable aspirational goals. Learn to reshape narratives and create hopeful, enduring stories for personal and organizational growth.

Leadership Connection Series: Difficult Conversations

APRIL 30th, 2025

9:30AM – 12:00PM

Queen Elizabeth Park & Community &

Culture Centre

2302 Bridge Road, Oakville

Multi-Purpose Room 1-2

Difficult conversations arise in all areas of life. This session explores what makes them challenging, how we're wired to respond, and strategies for engaging effectively.

Participants will gain skills to navigate these conversations with greater ease and wisdom, fostering more positive outcomes.

Leadership Connection Series: Perfectly Good Enough

MAY 28, 2025

9:30AM – 12:00PM

Sherwood Community Centre

6355 Main Street West

Community Room # 4

Imagine knowing that good enough is better than perfect: better for your mental health and wellbeing, better for your effectiveness and productivity, better for culture, better for your clients.

In this engaging and essential session we explore the difference and science between mediocrity, good enough and perfectionism, as well as the skills and practices to be perfectly good enough.

NEW: PLAYFULNESS: REKINDLYING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PLAY

“Can early childhood teachers be serious in their playful practice or is play at odds with our work?”

Seriously Playful Teachers: An Intentional Approach He Kupu - The Word

INTRODUCTION TO PLAYFULNESS

Welcome to an Introduction to Playfulness, where we invite you to the spaces surrounding play. You are invited to slow down, examine what it means and feels like to be playful, why it matters and how you cultivate it in your life and work.

Being Playful is like having a seed which grows to look different for each person. Our hope is that this is a beginning of examining your culture of Playfulness, an intimate and personal relationship deeply connected to the heart of play.

Continue your playfulness journey with the upcoming Loose Parts sessions.

Facilitated by: Shannon Speer, Professional Learning Consultant

APRIL 22, 2025: 6:30PM – 8:00PM

THISTLEOAKS CHILD CARE CENTRE

53 BOND STREET

OAKVILLE, ON

APRIL 23, 2025: 6:30PM – 8:00PM

APRIL 24, 2025: 6:30PM – 8:00PM

MILTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

410 BRONTE STREET SOUTH

MILTON, ON

PINE ROOM

LINKS 2 CARE GEORGETOWN

360 GUEPLH STREET, UNIT #33

GEORGETOWN, ON

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

NEW: PLAYFULNESS: REKINDLYING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PLAY

“I believe that the more playful I am, the more playful they will be What do you think? Are aspects of teachers’ playfulness related to higher levels of playfulness in children?”

Technology Rich Inquiry Based Research - Diane Kashin

LOOSE PARTS

Investigate how Loose Parts can become tools for growing and cultivating playfulness. Connect to your inner child's mastery of playfulness and spend an evening in luxurious play with large and small loose parts. Awaken your relationship to Loose Parts and deepen your connection to being a playful human.

Why is it important for educators to be playful? Why is loose parts play crucial to our identity as educators?

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JUNE 10, 2025 6:30PM – 8:00PM

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JUNE 11, 2025 6:30PM – 8:00PM

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MILTON, ON

PINE ROOM

JUNE 12, 2025 6:30PM – 8:00PM

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GEORGETOWN, ON

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Leadership and Operational Practices

Leadership Networks: Collaborative Leadership (Formerly Building Capacity)

APRIL 24, 2025 – 11:00AM – 12:00PM

Leadership can feel isolating, but it doesn't have to be. This session creates a space for leaders to come together, connect, and build a supportive community. In this interactive networking session, leaders will come together to explore innovative approaches to leadership and problem-solving.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Leadership Essentials: Core Skills for Emerging Leaders

MAY 8, 2025

11:00AM - 12:30PM

Strong leadership is rooted in collaboration, empathy, and shared vision. This session will explore ways to foster open communication, resolve conflicts constructively and provide actionable strategies to build your foundation in key leadership competencies and gain practical insights to lead with confidence.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Navigating Leadership with Confidence: Mentoring, Managing and Inclusivity

MAY 13, 2025

10:30AM - 12:00PM

Confident leadership is about mentoring, decision-making, and inclusivity. In this session, participants will explore what it means to lead with clarity, foster a culture of belonging, and navigate operational challenges with confidence. Leaders will learn strategies to make impactful decisions, streamline processes, and build a supportive environment where both educators and children can thrive.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

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Engaging Activities for Young Brains

April 2, 2025 – 12:00PM – 1:00PM

April 29, 2025 – 12:00PM – 1:00PM

This session showcases how children's storytelling and interactive experiences foster emotional and social development. Educators will learn to turn everyday moments into valuable learning opportunities that support cognitive, social, and emotional growth, making learning a part of everyday life.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Learning Community for All Educators

April 8, 2025 – 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Educator Learning Community:

Connect, Share and Grow

This session is for all educators at all stages of your career, who are eager to connect with peers and expand your professional community. Bring your ideas, questions and collaborative spirit.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Heuristic Play - Loose Parts for Infants

April 17, 2025 – 6:30PM – 8:00PM

The Halton Resource Connection

410 Bronte Street South, Milton

This Session introduces Infants and Toddlers to loose parts, encouraging them to explore everyday objects that stimulate their senses and curiosity. Learn how to create an engaging play environment, select meaningful materials, and guide play sessions that foster discovery and learning.

Montessori Minds: “Ignite Your Montessori Passion”

April 30, 2025 – 6:30PM-8:00PM

5195 Harvester Road Unit 16, Burlington On

This networking opportunity brings professionals together to engage in inspiring and dynamic topics and discussion. to connect, share insights, and engage in meaningful discussions.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

EarlyON Learning Community: Connect, Share & Grow

April 30 2025 – 2:00PM – 3:30PM

Viola Desmond Public School

1450 Leger Way, Milton

Whether you're looking to expand your professional network, seek advice, or share your expertise, this session is a space to learn and grow together while seeing how others create EarlyON spaces for children and families.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Risky Play: Building Confidence to Support Difference Types of Play

May 6, 2025 – 6:30PM – 8:00PM

Bronte Street School Playground

410 Bronte Street South, Milton

What is risky play? Why is it important? How can you support risky play experience with the children? Join other Early Learning and Child Care Educators to explore these questions and more as we share and reflect together on the concepts of risky play.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Pedagogical Documentation

May 7 & 21, 2025

6:30PM – 8:00PM

The Halton Resource Connection

410 Bronte Street South, Milton

In this series, we will unravel the elements that captivate children's attention, igniting the inception of pedagogical documentation. Through hands-on activities and engaging discussions, participants will delve into methods and strategies to make visible thoughts and experiences of educators and children in tangible ways.

Exploring Our Senses in Every Season

MAY 22, 2025

6:30PM - 7:45PM

The Halton Resource Connection

410 Bronte Street South, Milton

Come join us to discover how each season invites sensory exploration in the outdoor environment. Each season offers endless opportunities for children to explore and engage with the world around them using their five senses.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Learning Community for Infant/Toddler Educators

May 28, 2025 – 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Infant and Toddler Learning Community:

Connect, Share and Grow

Join fellow educators who share your passion for supporting the youngest learners. This interactive session is designed to share best practice strategies and resources to celebrate the impactful work you do every day.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Connect & Reflect: Mud Play

June 10, 2025 – 6:30PM – 8:00PM

The Halton Resource Connection

410 Bronte Street South, Milton

Tiffany Room (Located on 2nd floor)

How can you introduce mud play? Join other Early Learning and Child Care Professionals to explore how to celebrate Mud Day and share your experiences with mud in your program.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Foundational Strategies for Educators: Connecting with Families & Supporting Children

JUNE 10 2025

6:30PM - 8:00PM

The foundations of early childhood education are ever-evolving, and so is communication with parents. This session will highlight practical approaches to strengthen foundational practices in areas like reading, singing, and transitions, while exploring how to meet parents where they are in today's communication landscape.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Learning Community for Preschool Educators

June 12, 2025 – 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Preschool Learning Community:

Connect, Share, and Grow

Join fellow Preschool professionals to collaborate, share insights, exchange and spark fresh ideas and explore best practices in Early Childhood Education.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Learning Community for Licensed Home Child Care Providers

June 17, 2025 – 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Join other providers and celebrate your unique role in Early Childhood Education. This interactive session provides a supportive space to share ideas, resources and strategies with other professionals who share your passion for providing quality care in a home environment.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Caring and Responsive Relationships

June 24, 2025 – 6:45PM – 8:00PM

Explore the power of caring and responsive relationships with children. This session dives into the importance of creating meaningful connections and how responsive interactions strengthen nurture and inspire growth.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

THRC Continues to play Professional Learning and we want to hear from you!

Supporting Children with Anxiety

APRIL 3, 2025 – 6:30PM – 8:00PM – Session One

April 10, 2025 - 6:30PM – 8:00PM – Session Two

These sessions will provide early childhood professionals with an in-depth understanding of anxiety in childhood; how it's defined, the characteristics, what it might look like in early learning environments, and how it impacts children's development.

Attendance to both sessions is required.

The Legacy of Attachment and Trauma

April 9, 2025 – 6:30PM – 8:00PM

We often say that children are resilient and deny the impact of early life experiences. Emerging research demonstrates the critical value of our first caregivers to create an enduring blueprint for how we experience ourselves and others. Exposure to traumatic events also fundamentally shapes the way we see and respond to the world.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Reigniting Passion: Engaging Educators with Purpose and Connection

April 15, 2025 – 10:30PM – 12:00PM

This interactive session focuses on practical ways to engage educators both professionally and personally, reigniting their passion for the field. Through strategies rooted in inclusivity and diversity, leaders will explore how to foster a culture of motivation and collaboration, promote well-being, and build meaningful connections with their team.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

The Enduring Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

May 7, 2025 – 6:30PM – 8:00PM

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study proved what those of us who work with children already knew: maltreatment is damaging to children. This ground-breaking research revealed that ACEs are far more prevalent and have far more damaging consequences we ever imagined.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Well-Being Outdoor Play in the Early Years

May 13, 2025 – 6:30PM – 8:30PM

This session, facilitated by ROCK EarlyON Educators will share the benefits of, and how to support your children during outdoor play. Together, participants will learn about the holistic (physical, mental, emotional and social) health benefits of being outside and talk about what risky play is, and its importance.

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Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

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Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

Metis Nation of Ontario Early Learning Child Care Advisors

June 11, 2025 – 7:00PM – 8:00PM

This session will discuss the importance of "play schemas" and the benefits of planning intentionally based on understanding key child development principles. Participants will engage with thinking about land based learning and the importance of getting toddlers outdoors to develop their curiosity, to understand the interconnectedness of all living things, and as a key strategy in ensuring positive mental health.

Professionals working in licensed programs in Halton: No Cost

Outside Halton Region and/or Non Licensed Programs: Cost \$25

HALTON'S EARLY YEARS & CHILD CARE CAREER BOARD

We support the recruitment of educators to work in Halton's vibrant Early Years and Child Care sector.

SAVE THE DATE – MAY 3, 2025 – Child Care Provider Appreciation Event!

SAVE THE DATE – MAY 2, 2025- 9:00AM – 3:30PM – INSTITUTE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS: RENEW, REFLECT, REIGNITE

Holiday Inn Burlington

3063 South Service Road

Burlington, ON

WORKPLACE MEDICAL CORP.

STANDARD FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

APRIL 5TH, 2025

ONLINE & IN-PERSON – 8:30AM – 4:30PM

KAHUNA COFFEE CO. 5195 HARVESTER RD Unit 16 Burlington

\$140 – Free Parking

this session has an online portion that takes 4-6 hours and must be completed prior to attending the Saturday, April 5th session.

SAVE THE DATE

Institute for Early Childhood Professionals

RENEW, REFLECT, REIGNITE

(FORMERLY SPRING RECHARGE)

MAY 2, 2025

9:00AM – 3:30PM

Holiday Inn Burlington

3063 South Service Road

Burlington, ON

Event Highlights

- Raffles
- Breakfast & lunch will be served
- A diverse lineup of speakers will be featured in the afternoon.

KeyNote Speaker: Dr. Andrew Campbell

More Details to Follow

THRC TABLE – TALKS

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[Illuminating Care: The Pedagogy and Practice of Care in Early Childhood Communities](#)

About College of Early Childhood Education

The College of Early Childhood Educators regulates Ontario's early childhood educators in the public interest.

Read about the [history of the College. Opens in a new tab or window](#)

Find out about the College's [purpose and mandate](#).

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Talent management, leadership development, and HR strategy.

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[The Continuous Professional Learning \(CPL\) Program](#)

The CPL Program is designed to support RECEs

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HAITON - OUR KIDS NETWORK

[ABOUT US](#)

Using the Power of Relationships, Research, and Knowledge to Help Kids Thrive

[Our Story](#)

Discover the history and the foundational frameworks that guide our work

[RESOURCE HUB](#)

Information, research reports, and resources to support professionals who work with children, youth, and families.

[Upcoming Events](#)

Browse our list of upcoming webinars, training sessions and other events.

[Data Portal 2.0](#)

Data Portal 2.0 helps professionals analyze and utilize meaningful information about children and youth.

<https://ourkidsnetwork.ca/>

The Halton Resource Connection, is a non-profit organization funded by Halton Region, that provides services and support to educators in the early learning sector. Our spaces are designed to foster connections, inspire innovation, and promote ongoing professional growth and reflection.

Resource Library

A space designed for Halton educators, in collaboration with you. With a free membership, educators can access a thoughtfully curated collection of resources tailored to their program's unique needs while fostering professional growth.

The resources are continuously evolving to reflect the dynamic nature of early learning. The Resource Library (RL) team works alongside educators, supporting ongoing learning through expertly selected materials, reflective dialogue, and guidance.

Through continuous professional development, our RL team, in partnership with Pedagogical Mentors, provides interactive displays, visual supports, and expert insights to enrich your learning experience.

More than 1000 Live Resources in the Resource Library

Over 700 Active Members

Over 2000 educators attended

Professional Learning sessions in 2024

Pedagogical Mentors

Pedagogical Mentors engage in organizational needs designed, side by side mentoring, using a lens of reflective practice and quality coaching. Support with unique organizational and educator tools, designed in collaboration with skilled mentors.

Professional Learning offerings are designed using the voices of Halton educators and offered using modalities which meet the increasing needs of the Halton community

Over 2000 educators attended Professional Learning sessions in 2024

Child Care Directory and Information Line

This service provides families in Halton with personalized support in navigating the process of finding licensed child care options that align with their unique needs. With in-depth knowledge of the diverse child care offerings within the community, the Referral and Community Navigator ensures families receive informed guidance and assistance throughout their search.

Almost 11 ,000 searches on the CCDIL Search Page

Over 2000 participants 150 Professional Learning Sessions offered

Expand Your Expertise with THRC Professional Learning

Join The Halton Resource Connection (THRC) and take your professional growth to the next level! Through dynamic and engaging Professional Learning opportunities, we collaborate with community partners to bring you relevant, high-quality sessions designed to inspire and support Early Childhood Professionals. Whether you're looking to enhance your skills, connect with

like-minded educators, or explore new approaches in early learning, THRC offers a diverse range of workshops, learning communities, and hands-on experiences to meet your needs.

Stay connected, keep learning, and grow with us!

Educators are at the core of everything we do at THRC. Our work is centered on creating an environment where educators feel supported, valued, heard and empowered to evolve their practice, ensuring meaningful impact within the early learning sector.

Through collaboration and reflection we strive to build a community that fosters growth and professional learning where your presence and voice drive our culture, inspiring deeper listening, reflection, and connection.

We hope to see you soon!

Professional Learning - resource library - side-by side mentoring – CCDIL

The Learning Lens – Monthly Connections

Professional Learning: March Highlights

CREATING INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS: A GUIDE FOR VISUAL STRATEGIES FOR LEARNING

MARCH 18, 2025

6:45PM - 8:15PM

IN-PERSON SESSION

LEADERSHIP CONNECTION SERIES: BEAUTIFUL CONSTRAINTS

MARCH 26, 2025

9:30AM - 12:00PM

IN-PERSON SESSION

EXCITING NEW PODCAST RELEASE!

AUTISM: IT'S MYTH BUSTING & REFRAMING PERSPECTIVES TIME!

Welcome back Denise Kneller and Cate Monteiro from Kerry's Place Autism Services! In this episode, we dive into dispelling myths surrounding autistic persons and touch on reframing perspectives. What will you hear in this episode?

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RESOURCE LIBRARY?

Second Step is available to borrow from the Resource Library. This program was inspired to empower preschoolers, teens and all ages in between with human skills to build lifelong success.

Have you checked out our new **Burlington satellite location** located at 5195 Harvester Road, Unit #16?

Visit to borrow resources, explore and connect with our staff.

Have you registered your email to receive the most current information from THRC's monthly newsletter.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR EMAIL](#)

Did you know you can access [Halton's Early Years & Child Care Career Board](#) at [thrc.ca](#)?

[We support the recruitment of educators to work in Halton's vibrant Early Years and Child Care Sector.](#)

Working in Early Years and Licensed Child Care and Not a Member?

Click [here](#) to receive your THRC Resource Library professional membership at no cost.