

ABC and Beyond™

• The Hanen Program® for Building Emergent Literacy in Early Childhood Settings

ABC and Beyond™: The Hanen Program® For Building Emergent Literacy in Early Childhood Settings was developed to build on children's communication and literacy skills within natural, everyday routines and activities. The program is for educators who want to apply the Hanen philosophy to the development of emergent literacy skills in three- to five-year-old children in early childhood settings. The strategies discussed in ABC & Beyond are especially beneficial to children who are at risk for language and literacy challenges, but also enrich the language and literacy development of children who are developing typically.

In "**Turn Book Reading into a Conversation**", participants will identify the building blocks of emergent literacy (i.e., oral language, vocabulary, story comprehension, etc), understand why it is important to turn book reading into conversation, plan how to share books in small groups, select appropriate books for encouraging conversation, and implement several strategies to encourage conversation during book reading (including Shoot for the SSTaRS strategy)

In "**Make New Words Sparkle to Build Vocabulary**", participants will understand the connection between vocabulary knowledge and literacy, select appropriate books for building vocabulary, select vocabulary targets that are specific and represent a variety of grammatical categories, introduce more "sophisticated" or precise words that are less familiar and occur less frequently, and build vocabulary with the Shoot for the SSTaRS strategy.

An action plan will be provided to each participant following each module to practice the strategies with a child of their choice.

Facilitator Biography: Lillian Majaess-Barnes, is a certified Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) with the Nova Scotia Hearing & Speech Centre. She has been working in the various communities within Cumberland County since 2001, providing speech-language pathology services to preschool children and adults. These services include prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of both communication and swallowing disorders. She also collaborates with various community partners to deliver a number of special programs and workshops to support unique populations in our community. She offers both inpatient (adult) and outpatient (preschoolers and adults) services, and also home-based support services. She works closely with ECE's, Early Interventionists, interdisciplinary health care providers (OT, PT, Dietitian), and long term care providers.

You must attend **Session 1 and Session 2**, [Session 3 is optional](#).

Nov. 18, 2019 (5:30pm-8:30pm)- **Session 1-Turn Book Reading into a Conversation**

Nov. 25, 2019 (5:30pm-8:30pm)-**Session 2-Make New Words Sparkle to Build Vocabulary**

[Session 3 \(optional\)](#)-videotaping and feedback session-this is done individually. You would create a 10 minute video and the facilitator would come into your Centre and have a 1-on-1 session.

The Videotape component of the program is considered the most critical part of ABC & Beyond because it allows for the educators learning to be personalized and helps them to increase awareness of how they interact with children.

It will be the responsibility of the educator to get signed consent from the parents to videotape their child/children.

Location: NSCC Cumberland Campus Community Learning Centre (147 S. Albion St, Amherst) Rm 143

Dates: **Session 1**-November 18 & **Session 2**-November 25, 2019 (6 PD hours)

Times: 5:30pm-8:30pm (registration at 5:15pm)

Facilitator: Lillian Majaess-Barnes

Cost: \$40.25 (tax included)-**This includes both nights as well as 1 book per Centre**

Preregistration is required-submit your ECDSC registration form along with payment by Oct. 31, 2019