



This full-day workshop will introduce the participants to principles of inspiring spaces and provide a chance to talk with Centre Staff about their values in the classroom. The staff will discuss their thought processes about their environments as well as explain their passion for their practice. Discussions and ideas on ways in which environments could inspire children, parents and the community will occur before and during the tour. We will be going from Truro to Enfield by bus and will spend about 40 minutes at each Centre.

We will be visiting the following Centres:

Dr. Jane Norman Child Study Centre– 60 Lorne Street, Truro, NS

DJNCSC believes all children are born full of potential. They are capable, confident and curious little beings who are fascinated by this world they live in. We believe that all children are endowed with natural instincts to learn through play, exploration and discovery. We believe that all children have the capacity to naturally construct knowledge when provided time and opportunity to engage with others within a rich learning environment. A rich learning environment exposes children to diverse experiences and opportunities and embraces the individual's and community's uniqueness. Our mission is to provide all children with a quality early childhood experience through a holistic approach that embraces each child for who they are today and who they will become tomorrow.

Tot's Academy Child Care Society– 480 Hwy 2, Enfield, NS

Tot's Academy's philosophy is to help the overall growth and development of each individual child. This philosophy is reflected in each classroom each and every day. We care for children from 18 months to school age.

Elmwood Child Care (Lantz location-1208 Hwy 2, Lantz, NS & Elmsdale location-753 Hwy 2, Elmsdale, NS)

Elmwood Child Care Centre Ltd believes that children learn through play, risk taking and exploration of their environment. We feel children are entitled to opportunities that support all of their development. Elmwood Child Care Centre believes in fostering active learning, cultural diversity, inclusion, creativity, independence and parent involvement by providing positive interactions between children, educators, parents, the centre and our community. We care for children from infants to school age.

Millbrook Early Education Centre-36 Church Rd, Truro, NS

We care for toddlers to school age, we also have a pre-primary program for Mi'kmaq children. Come and see our interesting outdoor environment

Liz Hicks has over 31 years working within the early childhood field as an elementary school teacher, administrator of and teacher in a part-day program for 23 years, 5.5 years as an inclusion facilitator for Partnerships for Inclusion, and part time faculty with NSCECE. She is also a private consultant working with various Centres in H.R.M providing professional development on a variety of topics including environmental and inclusion rating scales and program coordination. Her passion is to help educators (and administrators) find and develop their potential so they can help children find and develop their potential.



These photos are from the Elmwood Child Care Centre. The photo on the left is from the infant location and the photo on the right is from the Lantz location.



Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019 **6 PD hours** **Waitlist Date:** Saturday, November 2, 2019

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm (**please bring a lunch**)

Cost: \$85.00 **Facilitator:** Liz Hicks

Location: We will all meet at **NSCC Truro Campus** (Forrester Hall-Room 229) for an hour then be bussed to each of the Centres.

We go in all weather; therefore, dress appropriately as you do not want to miss the outdoor spaces.

Preregistration is required-submit your ECDSC registration form along with payment by Sept. 13th.

