

# *The Wonderful World of Infant & Toddlers & Utilizing Small Groups*

## **The Wonderful World of Infant & Toddlers**

Through this interactive workshop, learners will have an opportunity to identify some of the challenges in working with infants and toddlers as well as explore some opportunities for potential changes in their programs.

### **Learning Objectives:**

- \* Identify the challenges to planning programs for infants and toddlers
- \* Identify the key developmental stages of infants and toddlers
- \* Examine the RIE (Resources for Infant Edu-carers) approach to infant and toddler care
- \* Modify infant and toddler room set up based on the Multi S Approach
- \* Effectively plan a program for infants and toddlers based on observation and understanding of development and needs

## **Utilizing Small Groups**

Through this interactive workshop, learners will have an opportunity to identify ways that they can use the small group approach throughout their daily routines as well as explore some opportunities for potential changes in their programs.

### **Learning Objectives:**

- \* Identify and define the adult's role in supporting play
- \* Identify the benefits to the children, self and program of being a play partner
- \* Identify the benefits to the children, self and program of implementing small group practice
- \* Identify strategies to effectively support transitions

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**Location:** St. Francis Xavier University, Council Chambers in Bloomfield Centre  
5005 Chapel Square, Antigonish, NS

**6 PD hours**

**Date:** Saturday, June 9, 2018      **Facilitator:** Blair Hill

**Time:** 9:00am-3:00pm (registration at 8:30am)

**Cost:** \$69.00 (tax included)-lunch provided

**Preregistration is required-submit your ECDC registration form along with payment by June 1.**

