

BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE EARLY YEARS



HOW IS TECHNOLOGY SHAPING THE PRESCHOOL BRAIN? – SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, October 13, LEYC, in partnership with Lethbridge Public Library and SAPDC, is hosting Dr. Kelly Dean Schwartz from the University of Calgary - *“How is technology shaping the preschool brain?”*. On the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 13th from 1-4PM educators and professionals will learn about the most recent theory and research related to critical periods of early brain development, how early technology use can positively and negatively impact brain development and function, and the implications for early childhood learning, emotion and social development. A free evening session is also being offered on Thursday from 6:30-8PM for parents and caregivers. Registration is required for both afternoon and evening sessions as space is limited. Please share this link with those in your network that may be interested.



<http://www.lethbridgeearlyyears.ca/events.html>

ROVING GYMS



The spring pilot Roving Gyms were a huge success with full registrations, enthusiastic response from caregivers and children developing physical literacy. LEYC is working in partnership with Lethbridge Sport Council and Lethbridge Public Library to establish the Roving Gym schedule for this fall. Roving Gyms will be offered on the west, north and south side of Lethbridge during the months of October to March. The fall calendar will be available late August.



PROVINCIAL NEWS



July 31st, LEYC along with all other Alberta ECD Coalitions, is submitting an interim progress report to FCSSAA with outcomes from the LEYC 2016 Action Plan to date. The outcomes include knowledge mobilization and communication, community engagement, collaborative planning and partnerships, and coalition development. Grant applications for 2017 funding will be submitted in September.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA COALITION GATHERING

Late October LEYC will be hosting a Southern Alberta Coalition Gathering for all early childhood development Coalition members south of Calgary. This will be an opportunity for Coalition members to engage in conversation on building community support for the early years and learn from each other's successes and challenges. If you would be interested in join us for this half day event, please contact LEYC for more information.

LEYC WEBSITE

LEYC now has a website! Please take a look at www.lethbridgeearlyyears.ca for up to date information on: LEYC, EDI, Parent Café, Roving Gyms, community resources, events and more.



ADVISORY COUNCIL BREAKFAST

As a member of our Advisory Council you are invited to join us for an interactive discussion over breakfast on **Wednesday, September 28th, 8:00am – 10:00am**. A formal invitation with more details will be sent early September.