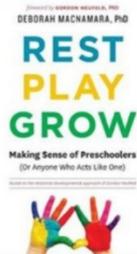


## BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE EARLY YEARS



### FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS



LEYC is partnering with Westwind Coalition and La Leche League to provide workshops for parents, caregivers and professionals. Presenter Deborah MacNamara is the author of the best-selling book, *Rest, Play, Grow: Making Sense of Preschoolers (or anyone who acts like one)*. Deborah is a dynamic teacher and experienced counselor with over 20 years experience in educational and mental health settings. We look forward to offering three teaching sessions over Wed.,

Oct. 3 and Thurs. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Visit [lethbridgeearlyyears.ca/workshops](http://lethbridgeearlyyears.ca/workshops) for more information and free registration.

### LETHBRIDGE PLAY CHARTER

Research indicates there has been a dramatic decline in unstructured, risky and outdoor play opportunities for children and youth. In response, LEYC has been working with community partners to develop a Play Charter for the community of Lethbridge. The completed Play Charter will be presented to Lethbridge City Council on the afternoon of Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us that afternoon to show support as we ask the City of Lethbridge to adopt the Lethbridge Play Charter as a unifying document that will influence future decision making, planning and policy. Help us make PLAY part of the fabric and mindset of our community!



### NATIONAL CHILD DAY EVENT



The LEYC Parent Committee will be hosting a [National Child Day event](#) on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> for the families of Lethbridge. The event will include a variety of activity stations, inside and outside the Lethbridge College, where families will connect with community services, participate in child-friendly activities, and engage with the theme of this year's National Child Day – the right to identity. We will be celebrating children and advocating for the rights of children to be upheld. If your organisation is interested in hosting a table at the National Child Day event, please contact LEYC.

### LETHBRIDGE EDI RESULTS



From our 2016 Lethbridge EDI data we know that 1 in 4 children are reaching Kindergarten developmentally at risk or vulnerable in one more of the five developmental domains.

Lethbridge data shows the highest number of vulnerable children is found in the developmental domain of emotional maturity. Since the February 2018 release of the data, LEYC has had the opportunity to make 13 EDI presentations with early learning staff, organizations, parent groups and professionals. Visit the LEYC website for more information on the [Lethbridge EDI](#) data.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Please mark your calendar for our next LEYC Advisory Council breakfast on **Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, 8:00-10:00AM**. Thank you for your continued partnership in building community support for the early years of children's development. Don't hesitate to contact LEYC if you have any questions or need additional information.