

2018 Northern Alberta Educational Assistants Conference

Registration Fee:

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Registration Deadline:

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Session Location:

20 Knowledge Way, Grande Prairie, AB

About the Session:

Welcome to the 2018 Northern Alberta Educational Assistant Professional Development Conference

The CONFERENCE is almost full! From this point online pre-registrations will not appear on session sign in sheets. Note, many sessions have reached the maximum seating and may not be available for WALK IN REGISTRATIONS. Check the INFO Table for Updates and Late Registration information.

Conference Registration Fees (Includes morning refreshments and lunches):

- 2 Day Conference **\$150.00**
- 1 Day Conference (either day) **\$100.00**
- Post-Secondary Student 2 Day Conference **\$50.00** (must provide student ID #)

Conference registration includes all keynote and breakout sessions -
you MUST choose your conference attendance and breakout sessions during registration
(some full-day or full-morning sessions will take place during keynote)

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About the Presenter(s):

April Brown

April Brown is the primary numeracy and literacy instructional coach for the Peace Wapiti School Division. Previous to coaching, she was a classroom teacher for over 18 years with experience in grade 2. She is passionate about helping students enjoy math as they become lifelong learners.

Bethany Arsenault

Bethany Arsenault accepted the role of ORC Coordinator in June 2017. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), as well as a B.Mus.Ed. and B.A. English Honours. She has taught in both elementary and junior high classrooms, and is passionate about information literacy and digital learning spaces. Bethany has extensive experience in literacy and educational research. Her Master's thesis, published through the University of Alberta and funded through a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant, focused on social media, digital literacy, and digital learning spaces for young adults. She has also worked as a copy editor for the academic journal Theory and Research in Social Education through the University of Alberta. She has presented her research on topics such as Young Adult Literature and digital media at conferences all across Canada. Bethany is excited to be taking on the role of ORC Coordinator, and looks forward to working with ORC users across the province.

Bill Gordon

Bill Gordon, A former teacher, counsellor and student leadership advisor with Elk Island Public Schools in Alberta, Bill has travelled across Canada speaking to thousands of students, educators and volunteers on topics such as "Healthy Communities/Organizations, Outstanding Leadership, Personal Life Balance, and his favourite topic, The Power of Kindness. Bill is

counsellor in Alberta, he is actually most proud of being married for forty nine years to his junior high school sweetheart, Jean, and of their teamwork in parenting two sons into adulthood where both have become educators, married to educators raising Bill and Jean's three amazing grandchildren (who seemed destined to become educators). His wife Jean is embarrassed to admit, however, that he has spent most of his life engaging in acts of creative silliness and living up to the nickname given to him by his former junior high school students, BILL & THE BIONIC TURKEY; GORDON.

Brendan McCann

Brendan McCann is an Occupational Therapist with Peace Collaborative Services (PCS). PCS serves Northwest Alberta with a team of specialists that supports staff and students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 participate fully in their educational programs and achieve their maximum learning potential.

Carla Eckstrom

Carla Eckstrom BSc. M.A. RSW, has been a family therapist and Assistant Executive Director with PACE in Grande Prairie for over eighteen years. Carla also has a private clinical practice. Her area of expertise is working with children and adults who have experienced trauma, grief, and have various mental health issues. Prior to her work at PACE, Carla was the Executive Director with the RCMP Victims Assistance Program. In addition, Carla is contracted with the Grande Prairie and District Grief Support Association as the Senior Clinical Therapist. Carla is an ASIST and Mental Health First Aid Trainer and facilitates workshops on Grief and Loss and Children and Trauma. Carla holds a Master of Arts in Counseling.

Carmen Moore

Carmen Moore is a passionate educator, parent and storyteller who has been working within the field of education for over twenty-five years. She completed two Masters of Education, spurring on a research project: Project Independence. Carmen has attained the credentials and experience to be a certified autism specialist through her continued work with the University of Kansas. She is passionate about sharing new approaches to support all students. Carmen's twenty-five experience as an educator, administrator, inclusive education coach and now parent has provided her with a unique perspective that she uses to help inform and entertain her audiences. Professionally, Carmen has now expanded to more public speaking, consulting, research, and writing as well as leading social groups for autistic children and teens. Follow more of her work at www.cmooreineducation.ca

Carol Scarratt

Carol Scarratt & Ms Carol is currently principal consultant of Renaissance Montessori Services, Redwood Meadows-Bragg Creek. She is an award-winning Master of Arts (Leadership and Training) alumnus of Royal Roads University, Victoria. A Montessori career-professional with certification at both the Casa and Elementary levels from St. Nicholas Montessori College, UK. With 35+ years combined experience in classroom teaching, teacher-training, personal coaching, child and adult tutoring, conference presenting, curriculum and classroom development and school consulting. As a frequently-requested speaker, she has presented seminars and training courses on all aspects of Montessori theory and curriculum at conferences world-wide. Contact Ms Carol at carol.renaissance@gmail.com

Charlene Eckstrom

Charlene Eckstrom BSc. (HEC.) M.A. RSW, has been a family therapist with PACE in Grande Prairie for over fifteen several years. Charlene has a private clinical practice where she works with people experiencing various issues. Her work at PACE deals primarily with children and teens who have experienced grief, trauma, and a variety of mental health related issues. Prior to her work at PACE, Charlene worked as a school counselor in Grande Prairie. In addition, Charlene is contracted with the Grande Prairie and District Grief Support Association as a Clinical Therapist. Charlene is also an ASIST and Mental Health First Aid Trainer and facilitates an awareness workshop on Self-Harming behaviors. Charlene holds a Master of Arts in Education Counseling.

Colleen DeVeyrac

Colleen DeVeyrac is an international public speaker, teacher, and educational consultant presenting workshops across Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. Colleen graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Physical Education and has completed her Master of Learning Innovation from QUT. She has worked with youth at risk for over 15 years and has implemented early intervention and adolescent programs to assist students in transitioning into mainstream schooling. Colleen believes educators being proactive and positive when working with students is paramount in creating an atmosphere that encourages engagement and excitement for learning. Examining educators' reactions and ability to handle stressful situations in relation to challenging children can be powerful in creating a more positive environment.

Dana Laliberte

Raised in Peace River, I grew up to teach in the same school I attended. Actually, I have not moved far. I ended my career in the same building as when I began Grade 1J. For 32 years I worked for Holy Family C.R.D. #37 in Peace River as a Teacher, Supervisor of Special Services, Assistant Principal, Principal and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, overseeing

the Canadian Association's "Principal of the Year" Award. I have served on many boards and love to volunteer in my community. I particularly enjoyed my work on the AAC Provincial Executive. Retirement plans include spending time with grandchildren, camping, working as an educational consultant, and continuing my work as a Certified Presenter for the Climate Reality Project – my gift to the earth.

Danielle Todd

Danielle Todd is a Registered Dietitian with Alberta Health Services. She is the Population & Public Health Team Lead for the North Zone and has worked with many local and provincial school nutrition initiatives.

Darrell Willier

Darrell Willier was born in High Prairie, Alberta and grew up on the Sucker Creek First Nations Reserve, ten minutes east of High Prairie. He is a father of one son and two daughters and has four grandchildren. He earned his undergraduate Degree in 1990 and his three children also graduated from various post-secondary institutions. Darrell has been employed with Peace Wapiti School Division for 15 years and is the First Nations, Metis & Inuit Education Coordinator as well as the Community & School Liaison Workers' Supervisor for PWSD 76. He has been an avid basketball coach for 39 years in northern Alberta. Darrell is currently the coach for Ridgevalley Sr. Girls basketball team. He also started Peace Country Thunder Club basketball in April 2009 and has had 8 players signed to college teams. Darrell is also an avid golfer since 1986 and is still hoping for the elusive hole in one.

Denay Bjornson

Denay, Public Awareness Coordinator at Pace, has a passion for helping the community members of Grande Prairie & area. She especially enjoys watching children and youth grow and thrive. Denay is currently the Public Awareness Coordinator at Pace. She oversees the public education team and delivers the "Who Do You Tell?" Program, teaching children from K-Gr.6 about sexual abuse and facilitates the "Sexual Violence" Presentation to teenagers Gr.7-12. In addition to presenting in students' classrooms, Denay receives disclosures and reports concerns to parents or Child and Family Services. Denay is also a youth care worker at Pace, working with children and youth involved with Child and Family Services. In this role, Denay is a positive mentor for children/youth, capitalizing on teachable moments and helping them increase their sense of self-esteem, boundaries, supports, etc.

Dione Staples

Dione Staples (Menzies) is a teacher with Grande Prairie Public School District with 10 years of experience. Her experience includes teaching in grade 3 and 4 classroom, an Instructional coach, and is currently an educational facilitator with the Inclusive Education Support Team. Dione is passionate about working with teachers, EAs and school staff to support inclusive students that display problem behaviours, or have diverse learning needs to achieve success in the classroom. When working with schools, Dione uses a "positive behavior support" approach in working with school staff, outside agencies and families to improve student individual behavior.

Dr. Jody Carrington

Dr. Jody Carrington is a Clinical Psychologist who has spent most of her career working with children and families who have experienced trauma. For ten years, she worked on the Mental Health Inpatient Units of the Alberta Children's Hospital, where she became a believer in the power of the relationship in assisting children and their families who are struggling with emotional dysregulation. She has developed a particular passion working with teachers and school staff, who often spend more time during the day that their primary caregivers do. Most recently, she presented at CASSA in July 2017, discussing with superintendents across Canada the mental health "crisis" in our classrooms. She believes that human connections shape neural connections. Through the relationships that children have with their caregivers and their teachers, they begin to develop the "story" of themselves and others around them, and they decide two things: whether they are worthy of love and support and whether they are capable and competent beings. Children are in constant search of the "bigger, stronger, kinder, wise"; they need an anchor. When they have these things in place, they have a much greater chance of developing into strong, healthy, and competent learners. Together, we will spend some time talking about the Power of the Relationship inside and outside of the classroom in assisting children in developing these skills and how critical (and life changing) these relationships can become.

Frederick Audet

Frederick Audet From journalist and radio announcer to high school teacher and business owner, Frederick possesses the drive and talent to succeed. With almost 15 years of teaching and 10 years of consulting in curriculum and assessment at the government level, Frederick knows how learning works. His life took him on a wild road of personal and professional growth. He has delivered professional development workshops across Alberta and has built a reputation of creating

Grace Hussey was born and raised in a small town in Newfoundland where her love for music flourished. Grace began playing drums at the age of 4, and developed a passion for hand drums in her 20's. Grace gained a degree in social work and specializes in the fields of addiction and mental health, and her love of music has not faded. Grace has become a certified Integrated Drum Circle Facilitator using techniques from Remo Health Rhythms. Over the last few years, Grace has been bringing her passion for helping others and music together through recreational and therapeutic drum circle facilitation in the Grande Prairie area. Grace is excited to bring fun, laughter and connection to the North as she continues her musical journey working with people of all ages and ability levels.

Greg Paterson

Greg Paterson, is a School Based Prevention Counsellor for Addiction Services in Grande Prairie. He provides support, consultation, training, and direct program delivery to school communities and works with at risk children within the general population. He has a combined six years of addiction related career experience from various positions through the Northern Addiction Center, Adult Outpatient Services, and his current involvement with the Prevention and Promotion team in Addiction and Mental Health. Aside from his counselling endeavors, Greg is also a teacher and is currently pursuing graduate studies in Applied Psychology.

Gwen Vekved

Gwen Vekved is the Coordinator for the North West FASD Network in Grande Prairie and Northern region. With her team, she develops contracts with agencies, who provide innovative supports for those affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum disorder. With a Bachelor degree in Child and Youth Care and a diploma in Early Childhood, Gwen has a good understanding of a variety of different disabilities. Her past positions include "Inclusion and Early Intervention worker," giving her a good appreciation of the front-line worker role. Gwen is one of 12 FASD coordinators in the province who advocates for more diagnosis, unique supports, policy and community development in the field of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum

Heather Craigdallie

Heather Craigdallie completed her Master of Education in Counselling Psychology at the University of Alberta in 2012. She completed her registration as a Psychologist and is in her fifth year with the Peace Collaborative Services team. Heather has particular interest in executive functioning and the impact of trauma on child development.

Irene Heffel

Irene Heffel is a literacy consultant and educator with over 35 years of experience at all levels. She has worked with both elementary and secondary teachers to implement best practices in literacy, assessment and Backward Design.

Janine Laliberte

Janine Laliberte worked for many years as a teacher assistant at Holy Family School in Grimshaw. She has worked with a variety of students - students with severe physical/medical needs, visual impairment, behavioral issues and speech language needs. She worked with Dana to try out many new brain techniques and had some good successes with her students. Retired now, Janine volunteers with seniors in the community.

Jodi Minton

Jodi Minton, CSEP CPT, Be Fit for Life Centre Coordinator, Grande Prairie Regional College.

Jody Walker

Jody Walker is the Mental Health Promotion Facilitator with AHS - Addiction & Mental Health - Grande Prairie. She worked as an Addiction Counsellor for 12.5 years and has held her current position for over 2 and a half years. Jody's passion is supporting individuals and workplaces to create psychologically safe environments that promote positive mental health and wellness.

Kacey Harms

Kim Barker-Kay

Kim Barker-Kay is currently a consultant with the Northwest Regional Learning Consortium. Previously, Kim was a teacher, principal, and researcher in northern Alberta. Her work and research evolved into a focus on building educational equity. She spent many years involved in diversity leadership training with the National Coalition Building Institute. Additionally, Kim had the unique experience as the protege of a Cree Elder for ten years. As a principal, Kim was able to put all she learned into practice with favorable results in student achievement. She learned first hand the complexities involved in building educational equity which have led her to her current journeys with infusing Indigenous knowledge into new curriculum, as well as doing a deeper exploration into decolonization and anti-racism work.

Kristin Weins

Kristin Wiens (@kwiens62), MEd, is an Inclusion Coach for Sooke School District (#62) on Vancouver Island. She supports

Kristyn Berry

Kristyn Berry is an ASEBP workplace wellness liaison with a diverse background in health promotion and policy. With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, a minor in Political Science and a Certificate in Peace and Post-Conflict Studies, Kristyn is a passionate advocate for public health both locally and internationally. Kristyn has spent her career focused on engaging communities in all dimensions of wellness, driven by the belief that the key to success in this area is through relationship building. In her downtime, you might catch her spending time with family or playing board games. She also loves backpacking internationally—especially if there's a beach involved.

Kylie McLean

Kylie McLean is an ASEBP Workplace Wellness Liaison with a wealth of experience helping people manage chronic illness through nutrition. As a Registered Dietitian with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Science, Kylie is invested in public health and health promotion. At ASEBP, Kylie works with school jurisdictions across Alberta providing health and wellness workshops to education staff and leadership groups and develops resources to improve staff wellness. She is passionate about promoting wellness beyond diet and exercise and believes in the importance of strong social connections, emotional resiliency and mental well-being. Kylie is a lover of all things food—cooking, eating, taking pictures, you name it. In her spare time, she enjoys the outdoors and travelling the world.

Laura Paiement

Laura Paiement, is a facilitator for the Canadian Self-Regulation Initiative, Healthy Schools and Self-Regulation Coordinator for SD83 in B.C., and a pediatric therapist. Laura has been teaching school district staff, parents, and students throughout western Canada how to implement self-regulation strategies into their classrooms, their schools, and their communities in order to live healthier and happier lives. Laura truly believes that using self-regulation strategies and tools can allow you to bring your nervous system into balance so you can think clearly, learn with ease and passion, and enjoy life— in essence, to thrive!

Laurel Vespi

Laurel Vespi helps people find the sweet spot between going with the flow and getting stuff done. Through her company stone circle coaching, she brings to her clients more than thirty years of experience as a teacher, educational consultant and group facilitator. With a humorous and down-to-earth style, Laurel shares simple and practical strategies, so people can reduce stress, improve workplace productivity and create moments of calm in our hectic and distracted world. Laurel is a Professional Certified Coach, has a Master of Education degree, and is the author of two award-winning books.

Leann Miller

Leann Miller is the elementary numeracy and literacy instructional coach for the Peace Wapiti School Division. She has been an educator for 18 years and is passionate about meeting the needs of all students as they learn to think flexibly and problem solve.

Leanne Aspen

Having been a social worker for more than 30 years, I am grateful for learning numerous skills. I am a sponge when it comes to learning to help people help themselves. My strengths are my communication style, my consistent ability to develop rapport and gain trust quickly and my sense of humour which is extremely beneficial when facilitating. I have been an FASD Prevention Conversation Facilitator for 8 years, and still learning about this complex disability.

Les Redick

For over 30 years I have taught ADHD and LD students from grades 4 through 12. In addition to my professional experience, I have personal experience as my son, daughter and I have ADHD. This combination of professional and personal experience has given me an excellent perspective on ADHD, executive functioning issues and motivation. I have been speaking professionally on the topic of ADHD for over 15 years. I recently finished my M.Ed. in Education Research with a focus on ADHD through the University of Calgary and I currently work at North Point School teaching Elementary and Junior High Math.

Leslie Bjur

Leslie Bjur has been painting for over 20 years and is currently the special needs art instructor at The Centre For Creative Arts.

Linda Crear

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Lisa Peberdy

Lisa Peberdy is in her first year as a Speech-Language Pathologist with Peace Collaborative Services. She is from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, which is also where she completed her undergraduate degree in linguistics. She went to Minot, North Dakota to complete her master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. She is passionate about the development of speech and language, and has been enjoying learning more about Alternative and Augmentative Communication and working with students with Autism.

Mary-Catherine Bailey-McKenna, M.Ed., M.A., B.Ed., is a registered psychologist, author, and internationally certified trainer, who has worked in private practice, non-profit therapeutic and educational settings. Her background includes assessment and interventions with students and families, as well as support to teachers and school staff. Also trained as an elementary school teacher, Mary-Catherine blends recent brain research and child and youth development to create practical and “doable” interventions. Her I-Series (Instead I, What if I, So Then I, Why Can’t I) have received positive acclaim from teachers, parents and counsellors. Her fifth book, CHILL-like a superhero is a graphic novel for Junior High focussing on social-emotional learning and self-regulation. Her most recent book My Backpack supports children of separation and divorce.

Mike Heckbert

Mike Heckbert is a Psychologist with Peace Collaborative Services (PCS). PCS serves Northwest Alberta with a team of specialists that supports staff and students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 participate fully in their educational programs and achieve their maximum learning potential.

Morgan Hall

Morgan Hall, Occupational Therapist with Peace Collaborative Services (PCS)

Mélie Sears

Mélie Sears, Speech-Language Pathologist with Peace Collaborative Services, has worked in school districts in the Peace Region for 25 years both in public and private practice. In addition to providing assessment and supervision of treatment, she works as a consultant to school staff. Her passion in professional practice focuses on Autism Spectrum Disorders and on Literacy. She presents regularly to educational staff on a variety of speech, language, and literacy topics and is also a sessional instructor in the Human Services Department at GPRC.

Natascha Okimaw

Originally from Edmonton, AB, Natascha has lived her adult life in Grande Prairie, AB with her partner of 21 years and their three children aged 13, 10 & 5. She is of Cree and French descent as is a member of the Driftpile First Nations Band. She grew up in a home that experienced the effects of the residential school and did not learn her indigenous language or her culture. As a result she has spent most of her adulthood learning from several different Elders and knowledge keepers and has worked to share her knowledge with her family and others. She has her Associate of Arts Degree and Business Administration Diploma. She has been working for the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre on and off for 10 years, she has had many opportunities within the organization to utilize her skills and teachings and is currently in a new 5 year position as the Cultural Navigator for the Northern Indigenous Health Alliance.

Nikol Robbins

Nikol Robbins is a dietetic intern completing placement at the Grande Prairie Public Health Centre, with Registered Dietitians from Alberta Health Services. She is a student from the University of Alberta. Nikol’s placement involves various public nutrition education opportunities for both adults and children. She will be completing her training in March 2018.

Rebecca McTavish

Rebecca McTavish has spent most of her life in a pool, was a National level competitive synchronized swimmer and worked as a swim instructor when 16 years old. After working in a few different careers, she came back to the pool and worked with the City of Grande Prairie in aquatics for about 10 years before moving to Crystal Park School. She co-developed the Tailored Aquatics Program for the City of Grande Prairie, and had the privilege of working with the Canadian Red Cross to develop an Adapted Aquatic learn to swim program that is now run nationally. At the Eastlink Center, she was able to take on a several roles; Adapted Aquatics coordinator, Lesson Coordinator, Head Lifeguard and a few other projects along the way. Rebecca loves what she does and enjoys sharing what she knows with others.

Robyn Combres

Robyn Combres is a registered psychologist who lives in Sylvan Lake, Alberta with her husband and her two daughters. Over the last 20 years, Robyn has gained valuable experience working with difficult behaviors in a number of positions including educational assistant, a community outreach worker, family school liaison, and a district psychologist. For the past seven years, Robyn has been specialized in working with individuals with severe behaviors around the province in her private practice. Her clients have ranged in age from 3 years to late adulthood. This is a passion for Robyn and she dedicates her career to supporting those who work with and live with individuals with severe behaviors and the clients themselves.

Samantha Naidu

Samantha Naidu, is the Tobacco Reduction Counsellor with AHS - Addiction and Mental Health. She recently completed her certification for a Certified Tobacco Educator. She is responsible for providing counselling services to clients and cessation

Sandra has been with the ARPCD for over 5 years and is an advocate for lifelong learning.

Shelley Kakoske

Shelly Kakoske is the Triple P Parenting Supervisor with Peace Collaborative Services (PCS). Her role on the team is to support the PUF funded families. Some programs that she delivers are the Triple P Parenting Programs level 1-5 and the Circle of Security. PCS serves Northwest Alberta with a team of specialists that supports staff and students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 participate fully in their educational programs and achieve their maximum learning potential.

Sherri Johnston

Sherri Johnston has been an educator for over 25 years. She has her M.Ed. in Elementary Literacy and is passionate about reading. She served as a district literacy consultant in Elk Island Public Schools for ten years where she supported both English and French Language Arts teachers. Sherri has taught all subjects, Grades 4 – 9, including three years as a teacher-librarian. She is currently on secondment with the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium and is pleased to support K-12 Literacy, English Language Learning, Second Languages and First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education.

Terry Lakey

Terry Lakey is currently working for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Learning Services in Red Deer Public Schools. Prior to joining Red Deer Public Schools in 1999, he taught with Northland School Division. Since joining Red Deer Public Schools, he has taken on several roles. As well as being a classroom teacher for years, Terry has been involved in the development of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit curriculum resources for many years. He uses the resources for his own classroom, as well as enjoys sharing his ideas with others. He has a passion for making classroom learning engaging, hands on, and covering a wide variety of learning styles.

Tessa Haussecker

Tessa Haussecker is a Speech-Language Pathologist. This is her first year with the Peace Collaborative Services team. Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP’s) work closely with administration, teachers, EA’s, and other PCS team members to help provide strategies to improve communication skills in the classroom in areas such as: phonemic awareness, literacy, articulation, language, social skills, assistive technology, and augmentative communication.

Theresa Suderman

Theresa Suderman has been on the faculty of the Department of Human Services at Grande Prairie Regional College teaching courses in the Educational Assistant and Early Childhood Education Programs since 2005. She currently sits as the Chairperson for the Department of Human Services. Theresa has presented workshops at local, regional and national conferences for educators and parents of young children. She is very excited to be presenting at the upcoming World Forum in Auckland, New Zealand. Presentation topics have included: heuristic play, experiences for infants and toddlers, child temperaments, creating inspiring invitations for learning, and school age care programming. In addition to being an instructor in Human Services, Theresa is a groovy grandma and enjoys spending time with her ever expanding family.

Tracy Gornick

With deep roots in the Peace Country, Tracy has worked in the human services field for the past 23 years in positions from senior management to frontline client directed services. In 2006, Tracy began her journey with Mental Health First Aid Canada as a Basic Instructor and has since moved into a Master Trainer role. Facilitating both virtually and in-person, Tracy is certified in various versions of MHFA and trains new MHFA instructors across Canada. Currently, Tracy is the Coordinator for the Tough Enough To Talk About It program within the Resource Centre for Suicide Prevention in Grande Prairie, Alberta. Outside of work, Tracy has a large, busy family who enjoy spending time outdoors , travelling and creating memories with each other..

Tracy Lockwood

Tracy Lockwood is a certified K-12 PE Teacher and has over 20 years of experience as an educator. Her experience includes working with K-12 students in Alberta & Abu Dhabi. She was employed as a HPE consultant for nearly 10 years & is a Master Trainer for National Coaching Certification Program & DANCEPL3Y (dance-play). Tracy has her Masters in Educational Leadership and has a passion for all things PE, physical literacy and physical activity. Through her many years of teaching, coaching, and facilitating, she has discovered her greatest passion! Today, Tracy runs a successful business, PLAY Education, and works with children, youth and adults around the world to empower and inspire them to move, laugh, connect, and smile, while learning new ways to be physically active and develop physical literacy. Visit her website @ www.playeducation.ca

Various Experts

Vicki Juneau

Vicki Juneau, Registered Psychologist with Peace Collaborative Services (PCS)

Victoria Cooke

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Registration Notes:

The EA Conference hosted at a SCENT-FREE and SMOKE-FREE school facility.