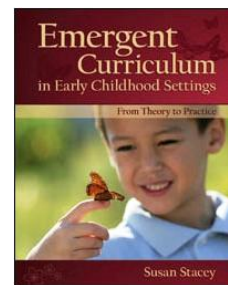


Emergent Curriculum & Documentation



NSCC Early Childhood Development Support Centre

Emergent Curriculum: A Collaboration

Emergent curriculum is developed through a collaboration between children and teachers; both have a voice. In this workshop, we will clarify definitions of emergent curriculum, exploring both what it is, and what it is not. We will look at emergent curriculum stories from practitioners; those who are confident with this approach, and also those who have struggled. We will also look at the role of dialogue, reflection, and documentation in emergent approaches, and will take time for dialogue with each other.

Documentation as a Support for Emergent Curriculum

For early childhood practitioners, it can be challenging to articulate why we do what we do, and why we use emergent curriculum. Documentation is one way of making our curriculum, the child's thinking, and the teacher's voice, accessible to others. It allows us to make children's learning visible, validates our work, and enables children to revisit their previous ideas. In this workshop, we will look at various ways of documenting children's work, including log books, curriculum paths, and documentation panels. Participants will have a chance to experiment with the language of documentation during small group work, and will consider the starting points with which to begin documentation in their own setting.

Susan Stacey, MA :

Susan Stacey is a teacher educator and consultant who has worked with both seasoned and student teachers over the past 25 years, as a college instructor, director, classroom teacher, and practicum supervisor. Susan's particular interests lie in Emergent Curriculum, documentation, and reflective practice. Presently, Susan is the Primary Coordinator for Halifax Grammar School, and the author of "Emergent Curriculum in Early Childhood Settings: From Theory to Practice."

Location: NSCC, Pictou Campus (Stellarton) Room C210
39 Acadia Avenue

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2010 **Facilitator:** Susan Stacey

Time: 9:00-12:30 (Registration at 8:30am) **Cost:** \$30

Please bring 2 or 3 photos of children at play (inside) with materials

Approved for 1.5 hours of
Equivalency
Limited Space!!!

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