

Child Development Resource Connection Peel

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Training Evaluation Results

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Multiculturalism in the Classroom

Workshop: In a multicultural society, the daycare is the arena in which different beliefs, values and childcare practices intertwine, at times, seamlessly and at other times, in conflict. This workshop is an opportunity to discuss, understand and strategize on ways to meet the challenges of serving diverse populations simultaneously. Come prepared to discuss!

Presenter:

Gary Direnfeld, MSW, RSW

At 55 years of age, Gary Direnfeld is a social worker with more than 29 years of experience working with parents, teens and young children. With a private practice located in Dundas, Ontario, he provides counselling, mediation and assessment services on most matters of family life. Courts in Ontario, consider Gary an expert on social work, marital and family therapy, child development, parent-child relations, custody and access recommendations, and an expert at critiquing the assessments of other assessors. He has a weekly parenting column in his city's daily newspaper and has hosted 65 episodes of a reality television show working with newlywed couples - Newlywed, Nearly Dead!.

Number of evaluations = 19

	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
Overall session content			2	17
Quality of facilitator's presentation			3	16
Suitability of session material			3	15
Amount of new information gained			2	15
Use good training techniques			2	17
Overall workshop			2	17

The most important thing I learned today:

Hearing other thoughts/views of how to incorporate multiculturalism

People speaking about their experiences

Be open to people you meet – fears, worries

Be open to new cultures and ways of life

The impact of different cultures and the challenges families face

How to accommodate immigrants and their children
Learned about other peoples experiences as an immigrant here in Canada
To be open to understand the differences that parents may face on a daily basis; To add multiculturalism inside the classroom on a daily basis
Because it makes me think back when I had to struggle to fit in as an immigrant
How multiculturalism is extremely important & connecting with parents/child's background is important
To empathise with new parents of children with no English.
How we can manage with children who have language problems
To learn how the child feels when he is in a complete new culture and the parents have to let go of their child and trust you\Different types of ideas to use within the classroom for multiculturalism
To understand different culture and make connections and welcome those people
Is learning a few words from their language to help them communicate better!
That many people use children to translate – somehow I didn't know this

I can use this information in my workplace to:

Share with other co-workers
My program
Help new/existing families feel welcome
Make our parents and children feel welcome
Incorporate different cultures and their beliefs in my program
Help new immigrants and their children
Yes
Help me to understand what it is like to be new to Canada
Yes, everyday
Share with my co-workers
Set up classroom
Assist new parents with no English
Help my co-workers to communicate and share more with children
Use more understanding with the parents
Make my daycare more diverse
Educate other teachers
Yes, very much. Share with co-workers
Share with my co-workers

Spontaneous comments – not asked for:

Gary makes learning fun, he encourages students to participate and be themselves
Very excellent workshop!! ☺
Your workshop was fantastic!!!