

# Ages & Stages Questionnaire Training

## Ages & Stages Questionnaire-3 (ASQ-3)

The ASQ-3 identifies children that may be at risk of having possible developmental delays. It detects a child's strengths and needs and can be used as a predictor for future school related challenges.

If you're working in the field of Early Childhood and have a good understanding of child development, this three hour workshop will provide you with the confidence to begin using the ASQ-3.

### ***What is it?***

- A parent/caregiver completed tool
- An easy to administer series of questionnaires for children 1 month – 5.5 years
- Encourages parental involvement (Family Centered Perspective)
- Screens the five domains; communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving & personal-social

### ***ASQ-3 is a brief assessment***

- Similar in theory to a health screen, such as a quick hearing, or vision screen.
- Designed to identify children who should receive more intensive diagnosis, &/or evaluation from local early intervention teams, such as; Aboriginal Supported Child Development, Supported Child Development, Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech &/or Hearing etc.
- Provides an opportunity to address parental concerns, educate parents on child development & empower parents to advocate for their children
- Provides direction for services

### **About the Facilitators**

#### **Yvette Hepburn**

Yvette, an Early Childhood Educator, has been working in the field of ECE in one capacity or another, while raising her three children with her husband, Colin. She completed her BA in Child & Youth Care through the University of Victoria in 2003, with a focus on Disability Services. Yvette has always strived to ensure that children receive the best possible start to their education; be it advocating on their behalf, assisting with strength based interventions and teaching tools, or mentoring others. Upon being introduced to the ASQ & ASQ: SE screening tools, she has utilized them within her front-line work with children & families and has facilitated numerous workshops & training events. She has been working at the Friendship Centre since June 2002, and is currently the Coordinator for the Aboriginal Supported Child Development Program.

#### **Anita Zakresky**

Anita Zakresky has been an employee of the Prince George Native Friendship Centre since 1998. She initially worked within the Aboriginal Head Start Program acting as the program coordinator for the Power of Friendship Head Start Program for two years before joining the Aboriginal Infant and Family Development Program where she was the coordinator for the past five years. In March 2007, she was appointed the new Director of Early Services for the Prince George Native Friendship Centre. Previous to that, Anita has had extensive experience working for Child Development Centres in Dawson Creek and Prince George. Her work involved supporting special needs children within the Supported Child Development program. Anita believes in the right of children to access and participate in quality programming that is culturally, developmentally, and socially significant. She believes that a family-centered approach is integral to the success of working with families. Anita has been married to her husband, Jim for 29 years, and is the proud mother of three grown children as well as a new baby granddaughter.

**When:** Tuesday, April 13th

**Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm

**Where:** CCRR Office (10411 100Ave—side entrance)

**Who:** child care professionals with understanding of child development

**Cost:** FREE ~ Must pre-register with CCRR 250-785-5701



*\*Individuals who receive this training and are members of CCRR will have access to borrow the ASQ kits and materials from CCRR\**