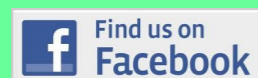




Please complete the booking form and return with full payment of €20 per person attending before the 25th May 2012 to:

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"Counting and Reading -it all adds up"

Meath County Childcare Committee

Present our

Language and Numeracy Conference

Saturday 9th June 2012

Pillo Hotel Ashbourne, Co. Meath



Language and Numeracy conference



When: 9th June 2012

Where: Pillo Hotel (previously known as Marriott hotel)

What time? 9.15am- 4pm

Cost: €20 per person including lunch. Please note payment required with booking which is Non-refundable. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Closing Date for booking forms 25th May 2012

Schedule of events

9.15 am Registration

9.30am Overview of Language & Literacy Strategy

9.45am Dr Geraldine French " Enriching Literacy and Numeracy Experiences in Early Childhood"

10.15am Dr Elizabeth Dunphy- "Re-thinking approaches to the learning and teaching of mathematics for 3-6 years old in Early Education Settings"

10.45am Overview of Meath Tiny Talk Pilot

11am Tea Break

11.15am Workshop -A Story sacks

All participants will be able to attend each workshop one before lunch and one after lunch.

12.15pm Lunch

1.15pm Workshop—B Practical Mathematics

2.14pm Linkages to Frameworks

3pm Question & Answer session, evaluation and raffle

Details

Geraldine French— Is an Early Years Specialist with a doctorate in education. She has worked for a variety of governmental and voluntary organisations and has published in the areas of quality, practice in early childhood services and social exclusion. She lectures part-time in the Dublin Institute of Technology. Her most recent publication with Barnardos entitled " *Early Literacy and Numeracy Matters*" highlights the importance of these topics as part of the child's holistic learning.

Elizabeth Dunphy-Senior Lecturer with St Patrick's College in Early Childhood Education. She has worked as a primary school teacher and has been closely associated with the development of Síolta—the National Quality Framework and has also worked closely with National Council for Curriculum and Assessment on Aistear—the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework.

Meath Tiny Talk Pilot- in 2011 five services participated on the collaborative project between Meath County Childcare, the Speech and Language Department of the HSE and Meath Partnership. It involved training for pre-school providers, on-site screening of children's language acquisition, and the development of language enrichment plans.

Workshop- A Story sacks Facilitated by Marion Mc Cormack Dublin VEC

Story sacks are a fun and versatile way to bring literacy and numeracy to life in the pre-school setting. This workshop will explore the benefits of story sacks and show you how to begin creating your own Story sacks support literacy skills, improve social skills, excite and motivate, improve vocabulary and most of all they are fun.

Workshop- B Mathematics for pre schoolers, Facilitated by Barnardos

This workshop will explore the vast learning opportunities involved in mathematics in an early years setting. It will include ways to introduce mathematical language and basic concepts such as time , counting , mark making ,sequence, patterns , capacity , matching , currency, size, shapes and explore the daily, short and long term learning opportunities.

Who is it suitable for?

- ♦ Anyone who works with children



A resource pack is available for all participants and cost includes lunch