



WELCOMING NEWCOMER CHILDREN CONFERENCE

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Judith A. Colbert PhD is a consultant based in Guelph, Ontario, specializing in issues related to services for children with diverse cultural backgrounds, especially the settlement of young immigrants and refugees. She has written numerous reports exploring program options for newcomer children and is a frequent conference presenter. She is principal author of requirements for the operation of child care support funded by the Government of Canada for newcomer children whose parents are receiving language instruction and settlement services. Her books include, *Welcoming Newcomer Children*, *Child Health Across Cultures*, and most recently, *Refugees: The Modern Context*. She is also the author of a series of e-learning modules for professional development based on *Welcoming Newcomer Children*. Her aim is to provide resources that support the settlement of immigrant and refugee children. Her website is www.welcomingchildren.ca.

Thursday, February 25, 2016

6:00 - 6:30 pm Registration and Poster Presentations Open

6:30 - 8:30 pm Keynote Speaker: Judith A. Colbert PhD
Settlement, Culture and Readiness - Three Big Ideas for Understanding the Needs of Newcomer Children and Families in an Age of Global Migration

Friday, February 26, 2016

9:00 - 9:30 am Registration and Information Fair
Light refreshments

9:30 - 12:00 pm *Shifting Perspectives - Responding to the Needs of Young Immigrants and Refugees*
Welcoming newcomer children involves a shift in perspective. Young newcomers have distinctive needs arising from their settlement experience that differ from those of "mainstream" children but must still be met in programs for young children on a daily basis. Get suggestions for how you can respond to specific needs and support the settlement of young immigrants and refugees.

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch and Information Fair

1:00 - 3:30 pm *Meeting the Needs of Newcomer Children - Overcoming Barriers to Prevention and Intervention*
Identifying the needs of young newcomers is a first step. A second is taking action to meet those needs. Often, however, newcomer issues and cultural differences are barriers to prevention and intervention. Take a closer look at specific reasons why parents may be reluctant to follow advice. Discover strategies for practice to overcome barriers and make it more likely that young immigrants and refugees will receive the support they need.

3:30 - 4:30 pm Book signing with Judith A. Colbert PhD
Copies of *Welcoming Newcomer Children* will be given out to each participant who is registered for all day Friday. Copies of *Child Health Across Cultures* and *Refugees: The Modern Context* will be available to purchase and all money raised Judith will donate to Refugee 613.

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