

2021 Northern Alberta Educational Assistants Conference

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Registration Fee:

\$100.00

Registration Deadline:

March 4, 2021

Course Code:**Grade Level:**

K-12/Tous niveaux Maternelle à 12

Audience:

Educational Assistant/Assistant en éducation, Support Staff/Personnel de soutien

Date(s):

Thursday, March 04, 2021

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday, March 05, 2021

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Session Location:

Online

Via Zoom, Any location, AB

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About the Session:**Welcome to the 2021 Northern Alberta Educational Assistant Professional Development Conference**

Conference Registration Fees:

- 2 Day Conference **\$100.00**
- 1 Day Conference (either day) **\$65.00**

Please visit the [2021 Conference Website](#) to learn more about the keynotes, conference breakout sessions, and the speakers.

About the Presenter(s):**Dr. Ross Greene**

Dr. Greene is currently adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Virginia Tech and adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Science at the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia, after having served on the faculty at Harvard Medical School for over 20 years. He has also been on the faculty in the Departments of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at University of Massachusetts Medical Center and in the Department of Education at Tufts University. Dr. Greene's non-profit organization - Lives in the Balance – which aims to disseminate the CPS model through free web-based programming and to support and advocate on behalf of behaviorally challenging kids and their parents, teachers, and other caregivers is dear to his heart and is of greater importance to him than his titles.

Ariel Haulbrich, M.Ed Psych

Ariel Haulbrich works in school & community mental health as a counsellor and program manager, and also as a consultant, presenter and private practitioner with government, businesses, teams and individuals working toward personal and organizational development. She is a Certified Professional Counsellor and a registered member of the Association of Counselling Therapy of Alberta with a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology. Ariel has almost 20 years of experience as a counsellor and programming coordinator in school & community systems, and has been involved in developing and leading school division projects, crisis response teams, and program initiatives. She has written a number of journal and interest articles on various school mental health topics, and enjoys providing training, presentations and workshops provincially, nationally and internationally. Ariel loves yoga and reading to "mind her mind," and the rewards that collaboration and connection can bring to our lives and our teams. For more information on Ariel and her sessions, please visit www.knowledge-power.ca

David Bouchard

An acclaimed author of children's books, David Bouchard is also a champion of literacy. This former teacher and school principal has written more than 70 books in English, in French and in several Indigenous languages. Many combine poetry, prose and visual arts, and explore topics such as the environment, history and the traditions and cultures of Canada's Indigenous communities. A storyteller and sought after public speaker, David has traveled across the country to promote the importance and joy of reading and writing. In his presentations to students, , parents and educators, he addresses his own struggles with dyslexia. Proud of his Métis heritage, he is a former president of the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and continues to serve as a community leader." ~ from the investiture ceremony of the Order of Canada, 2009. You can access his web page at www.davidbouchard.com

Colin Byers

Colin is Learning Associate with Jigsaw Learning and specializes in online, virtual, eLearning, multimedia design and instructional design. Colin has more than 20 years of education experience in k-12, post secondary, government and corporate settings. He has a passion for creating multimedia content and building with face to face, VILT, eLearning and blended courses. Over the years he has provided educators and clients with professional development opportunities and training using the latest multimedia programs and hardware and has a passion for helping educators excel with online instruction.

Kelly Gibbs

Kelly has spent her educational career supporting students with a variety of needs and supporting staff building instructional strategies. She wanted to know more about how students learn and why they had difficulty learning...so back to school she went! As a teacher and a Reading Specialist, Kelly holds a Masters degree from the University of Alberta in the area of language and literacy development and specialized assessment. She built her knowledge of UDL through her work at the University of Manitoba. Her work as a Consultant supported teachers in building inclusive practice in all divisions. She has in-depth experience doing professional development, with a focus on instructional strategies and implementation of such strategies. She has taught pre-service teachers at the University of Alberta for the past year. Kelly's joy has been found in supporting staff in the use of research-based strategies that make teaching and learning intentional and meaningful.

Jane Felling

Jane Felling is co-author of the award winning Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks series and has been a leader in the area of games as a teaching strategy for over 25 years. She has been a featured speaker at the National ASCD and NCTM conferences as well as the ASCD Summer Conference on Teacher Excellence, hundreds of provincial and state conferences and has worked with thousands of teachers and students during her consulting career. Her research for her masters was in the area of game instruction theory and she has taught K-8 and special education as part of her contracts. She has helped implement several school-wide adoptions of the Box Cars resources and is passionate about helping teachers with brain compatible instructional strategies. Jane is known for her high energy presentation style and her engaging, informative, practical workshops.

Dr. Lilian Saltel

Dr. Lilian Saltel is the owner of Autism Directions. She completed her PhD, with major in Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA). She is a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst and provides services that are in accordance with the professional and ethical standards of her licensing board. Dr. Saltel has been working with children with autism and other disabilities for over eight years. Her expertise includes working with pre-school and school-age children. Regarding pre-school children, she has trained staff and family members in ABA principles, programed for skill acquisition and developed behavioural plans. Dr. Saltel has also collaborated with daycares and pre-schools when necessary. Regarding school-age children, she has worked collaboratively with schools in developing Individualized Educational Plans, trained teachers and educational assistants, and collaborated with other clinicians such as speech pathologist or occupational therapist to develop language and motor skills. In her practice, Dr. Saltel has been teaching adaptive, academic, communication, and social skills. She has developed successful interventions to decrease problem behaviours. Dr. Saltel's goal is to build functional skills that promote a better life quality for children with autism and their families."

Barb Pears

Barb Pears has been working as a Learning Associate with Jigsaw Learning for the past 3 years and works extensively in a number of school districts to build supportive structures to respond to the behavioural needs of students. Barb has been a teacher and administrator of students with behaviour challenges since 2000 and was instrumental in the design and implementation of a Behaviour Support School. Barb is gifted at fostering collaborative, respectful, supportive teaching and learning environments for students, families and staff. She has worked as a Behaviour Consultant at the school division level and believes that a multi-disciplinary approach is essential to offer the best possible programming for students. Barb has always had a connection with students with behaviour challenges and loves sharing her passion and knowledge with others through direct service and workshops.

Carmen Moore

Carmen Moore is currently employed as an inclusive education coach for Peace Wapiti School District 76. She has over seventeen years of formal experience in the field of education as a teacher, administrator, classroom support teacher, educational assistant and has five years of experience as a parent in the educational system. Carmen is a freelance writer, blogger, national speaker and is completing her Masters this term. Her more recent passion is helping to support students, staff and families in the realm of inclusive education.

Dan Nash

Dan is currently a Professional Learning Program Coordinator for Learning Network Educational Services, leading implementation work associated with changes to Alberta Curriculum. Dan also brings passion and experience to Education for Reconciliation. With over 40 years of classroom, school and district administration, and curriculum implementation leadership experience Dan fully subscribes to being a lifelong learner and his mantra is, " That it is generally easier to get people to act their way into a new way of thinking... than it is to get them to think their way into a new way of acting." So, let's roll up our sleeves and get to it!--

Cher Brasok

If someone would have asked me to describe my life ten years ago, stressful is not a word I would have used. Busy - yes. I was tuned out and caught up in the busyness of my life then BOOM! I got sick - really sick and stress hormone was the culprit. Since then, I've been learning about stress from physical, emotional and neurological perspectives . One day, my daughter came home from school and said, "Mom, you know that stress stuff you teach us? You should be teaching it in schools!". My workshops are the result of her inspiration coupled with my professional background in Adult Education, Curriculum Design and Facilitation. I have been working as a Wellness Facilitator supporting Alberta students, teachers and staff since May 2016 and am excited to share what I know ... all in the spirit of helping people develop healthy habits for their physical and emotional well-being.

Catering is not prepared in a nut/gluten-free environment.

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