

POWER OF PLAY SYMPOSIUM

Saturday May 12, 2018

Location: Marydale Park
5999 Chippewa Rd., Mount Hope



8:30 am to 9:00 am

Registration

9:00 am to 11:30 am

AM Session: "Sorry kids, we have cancelled childhood: Countering the effects of safety in children's play"

Presenter: Brandy Tantebaum

Each year more Canadian children are injured falling out of their beds than falling out of a tree yet we do not ban bedroom furniture. With few exceptions, our communities are safer than ever before but children are cocooned indoors, over-programmed, and left with no time for free play and discovery. In one generation we have managed to eliminate the ability for children to negotiate their environment, make mistakes, and learn and develop lifelong skills including, perhaps the most imperative, resilience. The outcome of this approach is nothing short of catastrophic from a health perspective but not irreversible. In this session, we will work together to understand the key concepts of risk and its role in play. As well, participants will be introduced to tools and resources for managing and communicating risk in programming for your young children.

Brandy is a certified risk manager and has a Masters Degree in Public Health

11:30 am to 12:30 pm LUNCH

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

PM Session: "How to Build Into Your Programs More Time, Space, & Permission for PLAY!"

Presenter: Jane Pilskalnietis, Earth Day Canada

EarthPLAY is Earth Day Canada's new program to bring outdoor, unstructured free play back into children's lives across Canada – in schools, parks, streets, and other public spaces – with the aim of supporting their connection to nature, as well as their health, wellbeing, ingenuity and social inclusion.

This afternoon session will include; Intro to EarthPLAY, Space=Rich Environment for Play, Time=Providing Enough Time for Play to Develop, and Permission=Your Role in Supporting Play.

More info at www.EarthPLAY.ca



Please be prepared to go outside in any weather!

Cost: \$85.00 Members
\$100.00 Non Members

Includes lunch & light snacks

Register at ascy@ascy.ca or
On-line at www.ascy.ca