



30th ANNUAL CHILDREN THE HEART OF THE MATTER CONFERENCE

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The Children the Heart of the Matter Conference committee is seeking proposals for our 30th annual conference to be held on February 26 & 27, 2027, at the Bell Performing Arts Centre in Surrey, BC.

Consideration will be given to presenters whose proposals demonstrate best practices in guiding and caring, reflect diversity, inclusive practice, and align with the BC Early Learning Framework. All topics must be relevant to the early care and learning field.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

A \$300.00 honorarium per workshop session is provided to the lead presenter. Morning refreshments, lunch and access to the sessions in the theatre on Friday and Saturday are included. The conference committee is not able to cover costs for travel, accommodation, meals, or out-of-pocket expenses such as postage and long-distance telephone charges.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Workshops are held only on Saturday, February 27, 2027.
- Workshops will be held in person.
- Workshop sessions must be 1.5 hours in length for single workshops or 3 hours in length for all-day track sessions.
- Workshops must be designed for early care and learning professionals.
- Workshops must include strategies or ideas to help delegates share their learning once they return to their centres.

SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

To submit your workshop proposal please go to childcareoptions.ca and complete the application form. All applicants will receive an email by June 19, 2026.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO:

May 27, 2026

For more information email: childcareoptions@options.bc.ca