

### **BC Council for Exceptional Children | Spring Workshop**

# THAT WAS THEN...THIS IS NOW: AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Understanding the impact of prematurity on children's thinking, learning and behavior.

Presented by: Charlene Goldstein & Dr. Julie Petrie

Date: Monday May 8, 2017

Location: John Paul II Pastoral Center

4885 Saint John Paul Way

(across from BC Children's and Woman's Hospital)

Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Parents and teachers often struggle to help school-age children who have learning, behavioural and social-emotional difficulties. Current research on children born very prematurely can inform our understanding of the development and difficulties experienced by these vulnerable children. Participants will gain new knowledge of the brain, and the behavioral and physical developments that underlie executive functions and other learning and behavioural vulnerabilities. Participants will learn how executive functions and behaviour can be evaluated across early development and how these difficulties impact school-aged children. Participants will learn practical strategies to support these children and encourage success! This is an interactive workshop where we welcome participation and discussion.

#### Who Should Attend:

- K-12 Classroom Teachers
- Learning Assistance/Resource Teachers
- Paraprofessionals
- Parents, caregivers and other professionals who support students with complex learning needs

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#### **About Our Presente**





Charlene Goldstein is a Registered Psychologist in the Neonatal Follow-up Program at BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre. She provides psycho-educational assessments of 'high risk' children recruited at birth from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Charlene has over thirty years of experience as a teacher, School Psychologist and Case Manager in the public school system and has worked with children, adolescents, young adults and their families. Charlene has presented a variety of workshops including: Parenting the Child with ADHD, Teaching Children with FASD, Climbing Anger Mountain- A Resource Guide For Hikers, Hooking Up: The Adolescent Brain and You are More than Your Score: Understanding Psychoeducational Assessments. Charlene has a private practice and is a volunteer with youth groups and mental health agencies in the community.

Dr. Julie Petrie is a Child Development Specialist in the Department of Psychology at BC Children's and Women's Hospitals. Her primary clinical role is to provide ongoing assessment in the Neonatal Follow-up Program (NFUP) of medically and developmentally 'high-risk' children recruited at birth from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). In this context Dr. Petrie provides consultation to families regarding emerging and established patterns of their child's cognition, learning and behavior, and provides targeted interventions and effective resources. Dr. Petrie has particular expertise with the very preterm population, for which she conducts research with a focus on early detection of markers of brain integrity and development. Her research findings shed light on the behavioural and physiological antecedents of executive functions (infancy to school age). In the community Dr. Petrie is a member and past President of the Western Association for Infant Mental Health, an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Education UBC.

## **Registration Information:**

Please register and pay online at www.bccec.org

Registration deadline: Monday, May 1, 2017

Register early, enrollment is limited.

Registration fee: CEC members \$50.00 | Non CEC members \$99.00 (Registration fee includes the workshop, lunch and a certificate of participation.)

## **About the BC Council for Exceptional Children**

Since its inception, BC CEC has advocated for students with exceptionalities—those with disabilities and special challenges as well as those with gifts and talents. BC CEC is committed to individuals who work with students with exceptionalities—educators, support personnel and parents—recognizing that these dedicated people require tools, resources and professional opportunities to perform their jobs well. For more information, go to the BC CEC website at <a href="https://www.bccec.org">www.bccec.org</a>. Join today!

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