

The Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement is staffed by highly qualified and motivated individuals dedicated to improving the quality of early learning and child care services delivered to Albertans. With staff positioned throughout the province these individuals bring to the centre a broad set of skills, knowledge and expertise in child care, education, administration, mental health, parenting, social work and human services.

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**Supporting Quality  
Building Capacity**



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ARCQE was created and supported by three founding organizations. Responding to the need to develop an agency that could facilitate the successful accreditation of child care services and nurture the growth of parent link centres, the Alberta Child Care Network, the Canadian Child Care Federation and FRP Canada proposed the creation of a new technical support agency for Alberta in August 2004. An incredible three months later, in November 2004, the Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement was open for business.

## Vision

Albertans have access to high quality services that support the optimal development of children and families

## Mission

To support Alberta children and families by building capacity and enhancing quality in the early childhood development sector.

**ARCQE** accomplishes this through:

- Networking and collaboration
- Training & professional development
- Resources and tools
- Research and development

## Principles

Since November 2004 the Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement has been providing a range of support services to the early learning and child care sector throughout Alberta. In its work, **ARCQE** is guided by the following principles:

- Reflective practice leading to continuous learning and quality improvement.
- A supportive, strengths-focused approach.
- Responsiveness and flexibility.
- Ethical and transparent practices.
- Working collaboratively.
- Relationships based on respect, inclusion and equality.

## Services

### Support for accreditation

*(Coach support for services listed below relating to Accreditation are at no cost to programs. Mentor support relating to accredited services are fee for service.)*

#### Pre-Service Orientation sessions

Individual consultation sessions with **ARCQE** coaches to develop "Go Forward Plans" in preparation of Accreditation.

#### Checklist Support

Assistance in completing either Facilities and Practices and/or Daily Planned Experiences and Interactions checklist reviews.

#### Quality Enhancement Plan Support

Instructional sessions, consultation and review support in writing QEP's.

#### Caregiver Interaction Scale observations:

Facilitation of caregiver observations and delivery of a comprehensive report outlining "Reflections on Practice".

#### Portfolio Service

Instructional sessions, consultation and review support of evidence developed for accreditation portfolios.

#### Accredited Program/Agency Support

Follow-up assistance in addressing annual QEP goals, action plans and reporting requirements.

### Additional services

*(A portion of regional workshops are sponsored through Alberta Children's Services and are at no cost to participants... All other workshops and/or services are fee for service):*

#### Workshops

A series of workshops on various topics relative to professional practice, administration & leadership, and Early Learning and Care environments are available both regionally and site specific by request.

#### **NEW!** Assessing Quality Settings

This new service has been developed to support programs in garnering evidence relating to Facility and Practices.

#### **NEW!** Measuring Leadership & Administration

This new service has been developed to support programs in garnering evidence relating to Administrative Practices.

#### **NEW!** Reviewing Impact of Daily Planned Experiences

This new service has been developed to support programs in garnering evidence relating to Daily Planned Experiences.

## Resources & Materials



*(All resources cited below are fee for service based to programs/agencies)*

### ARCQE Policy Packages

15 policy packages now available on various administration and program aspects relevant to Early Learning and Care Service programs/agencies. \$xx

### **NEW!** Portfolio Resource Kits

Newest ARCQE resource intended to assist programs/agencies with minimum requirements necessary to complete accreditation portfolios. \$95/each

### Orientation Manuals

A compilation of print material and publications from ARCQE partnering organizations. \$xx

### ARCQE Professional Passports

Booklets have been specifically designed to enable professionals to highlight and build portfolios reflecting individual professional development achievements relating to workshops and training taken with ARCQE. \$14/each

### Resource Access Passcards (RAP Cards)

Access exciting new resources on loan, with a Resource Access Pass (R.A.P. Card). The passcard gives program/agencies access to loaning materials. \$25/year