

We've gathered these PD options to support Alberta childcare operators and educators, but this list is always growing and changing. New training opportunities become available regularly, and funding requirements can shift. Please verify current eligibility and requirements directly with the Alberta Child Care Funding team at childcarefunding@gov.ab.ca

Alberta Child Care PD Directory (Sorted by Topic)

Leadership, Operations & Owner/Director Skills

(Systems, staffing, sustainability, culture, communication, management)

The Churcher Group Inc.

Website: [Home | The Churcher Group Inc | Educational Consulting](#)

Practical, real-life, experience-based workshops designed by operators/educators for operators and teams. Strong focus on leadership, systems, staffing, compliance confidence, and sustainable centre operations.

Childcare by Design

Website: <https://www.childcarebydesign.ca>

Leadership development and coaching focused on the “people skills” that create strong teams—communication, culture-building, problem-solving, and leading effectively in child care settings.

Gravity Success Consulting

Website: <https://www.gravitysuccessconsulting.com>

Training and consulting that strengthens leadership, team culture, communication, and daily program effectiveness. Practical, action-based learning built around real centre challenges.

Creative Childcare Consulting

Website: <https://www.creativechildcareconsulting.ca>

Workshops, mentoring, and coaching for early learning and out-of-school care programs. Offers practical strategies plus innovative program and leadership supports to strengthen teams and quality.

Quality, Pedagogy & Program Improvement

(Practice, curriculum, reflective practice, quality frameworks, programming)

Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)

Website: <https://www.arcqe.ca>

Provincial organization supporting quality improvement through training, tools, resources, and events. Great for strengthening best practices, program planning, and quality enhancement work.

Inspired Minds ECC Consulting

Website: <https://www.inspiredmindsecc.com>

Play-based, reflective professional learning through hands-on workshops and webinars. Strong for educators who want meaningful practice change, deeper pedagogical thinking, and engaging curriculum experiences.

The Learning Resource Collective

Website: <https://www.thecollectivelearning.com/>

Professional learning and resources designed to strengthen early childhood practice through thoughtful, reflective, and research-informed approaches. Great for programs seeking fresh ideas, quality improvement, and meaningful learning experiences.

Inclusion, Diverse Needs & Support Strategies

(Inclusion, accommodations, supporting children with additional needs, educator capacity)

Kids Included (formerly GRIT)

Website: <https://www.kidsincludedtogether.com>

Inclusive practices professional development for early learning settings with practical strategies to support diverse learners. Strong for inclusion planning, supporting complex needs, and building educator confidence.

Behaviour Guidance, Regulation & Well-Being

(Co-regulation, behaviour support, mental health, brain development, resilience)

See How They Grow: Building Brains & Bodies

Website: <https://www.seehowtheygrow.org>

Evidence-based training focused on brain development, regulation, and early years mental health. Connects research to real-world strategies educators can implement right away.

The Churcher Group Inc. *(also fits here depending on workshop theme)*

Website: <https://www.thechurchergroup.com>

Offers practical training that often includes behaviour guidance, professional practice, stress reduction through systems, and strengthening educator confidence.

Storytelling, Language, Play & Creative Curriculum

(Oral language, engagement, story, music, playful learning, creativity)

The Gingerbread Way

Website: <https://www.thegingerbreadway.com>

Creative PD rooted in storytelling, rhymes, songs, and oral literacy. Offers practical ways to strengthen language development, engagement, and connection through story-rich learning.

Inspired Minds ECC Consulting *(also fits here)*

Website: <https://www.inspiredmindsecc.com>

Play-based workshops that support educators through materials exploration, meaningful dialogue, and creative approaches to curriculum.

Alberta Conferences (Great for PD Planning & Team Training)

Owner/Director / Leadership Conference

Child Care Operator Summit (COS) — The Churcher Group

Website: [COS 2026 | The Churcher Group Inc](#)

A leadership-focused summit for child care owners/directors centered on staffing, systems, compliance, quality, sustainability, and strategic growth. Excellent for leadership teams and operational excellence.

Educator & Sector Conferences (Practice, Leadership, Emerging Topics)

AECEA Essential Pieces Conference

Website: <https://aecea.ca>

Major Alberta conference for early childhood educators and leaders featuring a wide range of sessions on practice, leadership, and current topics in ELCC.

ARCQE National Child Day Conference (NCDC)

Website: <https://www.arcqe.ca>

Large-scale conference with strong content on children’s rights, pedagogy, and early learning topics. Great for expanding thinking and connecting to broader early years perspectives.

Early Childhood Education Council (ECEC) Conference — Alberta Teachers’ Association

Website: <https://www.ecec-ata.com>

Conference for early childhood education professionals, often including sessions on early learning practice, leadership, and current issues.

Childcare Directors Association of Southwest Alberta (CCDASA) — Early Learning & Childhood Conference

Website: <https://childcaredirectors.ca>

Regional conference supporting early learning professionals with training, networking, and practical sessions relevant to directors and centre teams.