



Power of Parents



PRESENTED BY

Dr. Dianne McConnell & Roy McConnell



SERIES SESSIONS

| Date | Time |
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| February 02, 2023 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM |
| February 09, 2023 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM |
| February 16, 2023 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM |
| March 02, 2023 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM |



LOCATION

Zoom Online Meeting - Zoom

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\$20.00

QUESTIONS?

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Program

Dianne and Roy are parents and educators with 40 plus years of experience working within the education sector. Parents are our best experts and advocates for their children. Join Dianne and Roy for this session as they talk about the importance of being a caring adult in the life of your child, setting high expectations and most importantly how to become an authentic member of your child's educational learning team.

Four Part Series

Part 1: The spirit of family

- Our story
- Expectations (Visions, Beliefs) Limiting Beliefs
- Routines
- Communication
- Siblings
- Disabilities
- Going to School

Part 2: Your child's learning team

- What is a learning team?
- Who are the members?
- What does access mean?
- Expectations
- Questions and your role

Part 3: Appropriate programming

- What does that mean?
- Supporting diverse learning needs
- Supporting emotional and social growth

Part 4: Transitions, Accountability and Appeals

- Reporting – what does that look like?
- Questions to ask
- Transition planning – what to expect?
- What if I don't agree?

PLUS:

- Problems of practice – how to recognize them and what can you do to help or support
- Do's and don'ts as parents or members of the learning team

TQS: #1 Fostering Effective Relationships, #4 Establishing Inclusive Learning Environments

LQS: #1 Fostering Effective Relationships, #4 Leading a Learning Community, #9 Understanding and Responding to the Larger Societal Context

Presenters

Dr. Dianne McConnell

Dianne began her career as a teacher with the Parkland School Division. She has completed her PhD in Special Education and is also a registered psychologist. She has worked as a Vision Consultant (Teacher for the Visually Impaired), Director of Student Services at multiple school divisions, led the Alberta Provincial initiative for inclusion (Setting the Direction) and has been the Associate Superintendent with Parkland School Division over the past eight years. While her list of career accomplishments is indeed extensive, perhaps more important has been her role as a parent. She is also the mother of three children, two of which have complex health conditions, including vision loss. She has been involved in advocacy in the field of Blindness and Visual Impairment at both the provincial and national levels for over 30 years. Dianne brings a unique perspective to this subject matter. Through her experience as an educator and a parent of children with severe disabilities, she is well-versed on the ongoing challenges families and practitioners face in dealing with complex situations. She has worked as a service provider and has also been the

benefactor of service provision. She has been a dedicated advocate throughout her career and is passionate about making a difference for children and their families.



Roy McConnell

Roy has recently retired from a rewarding career as an educator. He began his teaching career in Parkland and worked there as a teacher, administrator and coach. Roy loved working with students and was very active as a coach in every sport. He is best known for his love of the outdoors and for many years shared his love of the outdoors through his expedition club. After his sons were born and his youngest lost his sight at the age of three, Roy went back to university to acquire his Master's degree, specializing as a teacher of the visually impaired. He worked for a number of years as a role model for supporting students with diverse needs in the education environment. Roy spent the last years of his career working with Alberta Education, leading the provincial low incidence team.

Registration Notes

This series will be recorded and available to participants for 30 days after each session.

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