

Choosing the **Right Professional** Development

A TOOLKIT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

What to Look for in a **Facilitator**



- 1. Relevant and recent credentials
- 2. Alberta-based or familiar with Alberta's context
- 3. Reflective practice and adult learning focus
- 4. Philosophy aligns with *Flight* and current pedagogy



What to Look for in a Session

- Engaging and interactive format
- Based on current research and trends
- Relevant to certified educators
- No hidden fees



Are Supports Available?

- Is release time funding available for the training?
- Is professional development funding available for the training?

What to Watch for

- 1. Facilitator's credentials are outdated or have no credentials on the topic
- 2. Lecture only with little interaction
- 3. Content is generic or not relevant to early learning in Alberta
- 4. Costs are unclear or include unrelated fees

Is This a Good Fit for You?

Use this self-reflection checklist before registering:

	YES	NO
Does this support my current role or career goals?		
Will I gain new, applicable skills or knowledge?		
Do I feel confident in the facilitator's credibility?		