



CHILDCARE

Programming is provided for all Ages from
8:45 am until 4:00 pm

Little Ones (0-5) - Big Kids (6-12) - Teens (13-25)

Exceptions will be made at parent's request

For the Kids

Tots:

Erick Traplin,
Face Painting by Bre-Creative
KPL Story Time, and more

Kids:

R.I.S.E. UP Workshop with Crafts
Toes Across the Floor Dance
and more

Teens:

R.I.S.E. UP workshop with crafts,
Toes Across the Floor Dance
and more

Sponsorship opportunities available

Displays and Booths available in our

Exhibitors Marketplace

For more information contact:

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**The Family Conference
“The Best Me”**

Saturday

May 5, 2012

9:00am to 3:30pm

**Bingeman's Conference Centre
Kitchener, On**

*You don't have to navigate the
world of disability alone.”*



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Conference Information

Master of Ceremonies

John Lord

Guiding us through the day and sharing insights on support for families.

Keynote Speaker

Amy Baskin

Amy Baskin, M.Ed. Parent, Speaker, and Co-author of the award-winning book *More Than a Mom—Living a Full and Balanced Life When Your Child Has Special Needs (Woodbine House)*.

Getting By (and Having Fun) With a Little Help From Your Friends!

After connecting with hundreds of parents (through her writing, workshops and blog), Amy's learned how special needs families thrive. Amy will share stories, strategies and research tidbits to help you stay positive and healthy while doing the best for your family. Amy will also share her daughter's experience of creating a Family Support Circle.

Financial Foundations

Mike Simpson, Parent, BBA, CMA, Consultant, Investors Group Cambridge

Let's talk about insurance, investment, and other financial products that we can use to build a secure financial future.

RESP vs RDSP? What type of insurance do I need? What receipts should I save?

Mike will share, with us, the basic products available. You will walk away knowing what products you want to talk to your financial advisor about.

Strong Communication, Strong Families

Jennifer Pepper M.A. MSc, Family and Relationship Therapist

Families come in all shapes and sizes, each with their own set of complexities. Whether you are parenting solo, with a spouse, or co-parenting with an ex-partner, raising kids is hard work - especially during times of stress or upheaval!

Strong, healthy, and balanced relationships help families effectively navigate life's many challenges. Jennifer will outline a number of useful tips to help parents and families stay focused on priorities and create a positive atmosphere for children's growth and development.

Parent Panel

WRFN Families

Some of our WRFN families have agreed to answer your questions, with their knowledge and experience about parenting and family life.

Family Lunch Included

Buffet lunch and seating in the Ballroom for families

Exhibits and Vendor Marketplace

Conference Fees and Registration

Family: \$75

Professional: \$75

(Fees include lunch)

Online:

<http://wrfnfamilyconference2012.eventbrite.com>

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519.804.1786 ext.200

****Subsidies for families are available****

“Has your life been touched by a child with special needs? So has ours.....We can help!”