



9th NECI Conference 2024

Reimagining ECI through the Lens of Best Practices

The conference is a gathering of ECI practitioners to reflect, re-evaluate and reimagine the future of ECI services in Malaysia through the lens of best practices. The overall aims of this 3-day conference are:

- Evaluate our present service provision – whether our paradigms and practices are in line with best practices
- Gain skills in Family-centred and Strengths-based practices
- Ensure that we are working towards positive outcomes for children and families.
- Connect and learn from the larger community of ECI practitioners. Spur one another on in our efforts to better our services

Programme

Day 1 (14 Sep): Evaluating the Present

Time	Programme & Purpose	PIC
12.00 – 2.00pm	Registration	NECIC
2.00 – 3.00pm	Welcome & Introduction	NECIC
3.00 – 3.30pm	Tea Break	
3.30 – 5.00pm	Family-Centred Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interactive session to explore what family-centred practices look like in practice and what it means to you tomorrow.• Explore ways to forge a genuine partnership with children and families.	Lou Ambrosy
5.00pm	Hotel check-in & Free Time (Dinner on your own) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop new friendships and connections through Penang delights!	
7.30 – 9.30pm	Parents' Forum Finding Your Strength: Practical Strategies % Inspiration for Raising a Child with Disability	Jacquelyn Ang

Note:

“Re-Imagining Connections: Creativity & Community” a parallel event showcasing Arts & Abilities will be held at the Ballroom Foyer throughout the Conference.

Day 2 (15 Sep): Shifting Our Paradigms & Practices

Time	Programme	PIC
8.30 – 10.00am	Family Centred Practice Part II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive and reflective session to explore how you could implement family-centred practices within your setting tomorrow. Understand possible factors that could lead to power imbalances and effective ways to include family and children’s voices. 	Lou Ambrosy
10.00 –10.30am	Morning Coffee/Tea Break	
10.30am – 12.00noon	Strength Based Practice Part I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive and reflective session to explore the key beliefs of strength-based approach and what this looks like in practice. Reframing exercises for a paradigm shift from deficit-based lens to strength-based lens. 	Lou Ambrosy
12.00 – 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30 – 3.00pm	Strength Based Practice Part II Interactive session to explore tools to support practitioners in adopting a strength-based approach in their work, including programming, collaborating with families and report writing.	Lou Ambrosy
3.00 – 3.30pm	Afternoon Coffee/Tea Break	
3.30 – 5.00pm	Dialogue: Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) – Different Perspectives and Insights A conversation between an Autistic adult and ABA practitioner, moderated by a parent of an Autistic adult who has been through ABA and many other intervention methods.	Beatrice Leong Lee Yu Ying Jacquelyn Ang
5.00 – 5.30pm	Now Everyone Can Include! <i>“Small Steps, Big Changes for Preschool Inclusion: Toolbox of Strategies to Implement Inclusive Education”</i> Book Launch	Ng Lai Thin
5.30 – 8.00pm	Free Time (Dinner on your own)	
8.00 – 9.30pm	Reflecting Your Journey as An ECI Practitioner (Optional, sign-up required) A session for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) practitioners to review their professional journey through guided reflection and small group sharing. The session will help participants gain insights and grow in awareness of their strengths and challenges, as well as where to seek help and support in their journey ahead.	Amar-Singh HSS

Day 3 (16 Sep): Re-imagining the Future

Time	Programme	PIC
8.30 – 10.00am	Looking Forward: Our Thoughts & Commitment for the Future of ECI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual & Group Reflection• Setting an Action Plan Individualised for Own Centres• Commitment As a Community of ECI Workers	NECIC
10.00 – 10.30am	Morning Coffee/Tea Break	
10.30am – 11.30pm	Concluding session	NECIC
11.30am – 12.00pm	Networking & Farewell	
12.00 – 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30 – 2.00pm	Check-out & Departure	