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## Q&A with Central Okanagan's Pedagogist Amy Wesley

Amy Wesley is hosted by the Childhood Connections - Child Care Resource & Referral in her role as BC Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (ECPN) community pedagogist.

### **Q: What is the role of the pedagogist?**

A: Pedagogists are committed to learning and thinking alongside educators, children, families and the greater community. We enter relations with questions and not answers, and we engage with educators to consider taken for granted assumptions about common practices. We are dedicated to enacting situated, dialogical and transformative pedagogical projects.

### **Q: How will my program work with you Amy?**

A: Prior to the pandemic pedagogists would visit programs regularly in their work with educators and children. In these pandemic times, we are working virtually on projects and are creatively using communication modes such as email, phone calls, video calls and possibly working outdoors with a small group of educators, within group size guidelines. Through these virtual methods we meet regularly, and we work together to create the conditions to engage in pedagogical projects.

### **Q: My program is very busy right now with Covid-19 protocols. How much time will I need to commit to working with you Amy?**

A: That will be discussed before we begin, and we will work together to find time that works for your program. Pre-Covid-19, meetings may have occurred during nap time, or when educators had “off the floor” time throughout the day, or during staff meetings in the evenings. I'd prefer that we set regular times to meet in recognition that this plan will evolve as we engage together.

### **Q: My program has a particular approach Amy. Are we still able to work with you?**

A: Yes, we can work together. What is important is that you are interested in thinking deeply about your philosophy, values, and approaches, and that we can together think about the structures and curricular processes that they create as we engage in pedagogical projects.

### **Q. Interested in finding out more and participating in the Early Childhood Pedagogy Network?**

A: Please visit [www.ecpn.ca](http://www.ecpn.ca) or send an email to [ecpn@uwo.ca](mailto:ecpn@uwo.ca). Read more for [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about hosting a community pedagogist in your centre. You can also email me at [awesley3@uwo.ca](mailto:awesley3@uwo.ca) and I'd be happy to answer any questions or arrange a time for a discussion.