

# Central Alberta Regional Consortium

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## Handwriting Without Tears K-5

with Sarah Matson

Date: **Wednesday, October 26, 2011**

Venue: **Holiday Inn on 67th**

Time: **9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

Address: **6500 67 St., Red Deer**

Cost: **\$150**

Lunch: **Lunch is Included**

*\*\*This session is made possible through a grant from Alberta Education\*\**

### Who should attend?

Teachers, teacher assistants, resource/special needs staff, occupational therapists, parents & Central Office school administrators K-5

### About the session:

Today, teachers say they feel ill equipped to teach handwriting—whether it's cursive or printed, which is why a program called Handwriting Without Tears is garnering some rave reviews across North America. Also, there are many students who lack fine motor control and require special assistance in acquiring penmanship skills. This program looks at the developmental sequences in handwriting and provides ideas for teachers to plan appropriately.

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Plan new activities to develop fine motor skills and posture for writing
- Understand the developmental sequences involved in handwriting
- Plan instruction in pre-printing, printing and cursive using multi-sensory techniques
- Identify appropriate transition times from readiness to printing to cursive
- Prevent reversal of letters and numbers

### About the facilitator:

**Sarah Matson** received her Bachelor of Health Science in Occupational Therapy from McMaster University in 2000. Sarah has extensive paediatric experience providing services to children in outpatient treatment centre and school settings, early intervention and home health care. She has 9 years of experience using the Handwriting Without Tears® curriculum with children on a one-to-one basis, in small groups and as a consultant. She has received her training and certification in the HWT Pre-K through Grade 5 curriculum as well as in the administration of the Print Tool™ Assessment. She is currently working as a school health therapist with CommuniCare Therapy in Ottawa.

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