

Pediatric Occupational Therapist Cris Rowan presented  
**“Back to Basics” workshop** on January 28, 2009  
 for teachers and OT’s in Kamloops, BC.

### *What did the participants have to say?*

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The workshop objectives were clearly stated	57%	43%			
The workshop was well organized	71%	29%			
The workshop was just the right length	71%	29%			
The instructor was well informed	57%	43%			
The workshop materials were useful	71%	29%			
The workshop objectives were achieved	57%	43%			

What was the most valuable thing you learned in the workshop?

- That there are no guidelines for teachers to teach printing to students.
- The importance of printing and the fact that it's not taught in a consistent manner in the school system (or even within one particular school)!
- How posture affects printing, as well as using scissors.
- Teaching your students the sequence of how to make shapes, then letters and numbers.
- All.
- A nice step by step way to describe the essentials of printing.

Was there anything not covered in the workshop that you felt should have been?

- No
- No
- No

How could this workshop have been better or more helpful?

- Maybe some more information/examples of how the Move'in Program has been successful.
- It was a little too much info. which didn't really fit to ECE teachers.

Would you recommend this workshop to others? If not, why not?

- Yes

- Yes - in a shorter version.
- Yes, to more teachers, daycare workers and parents. Good information for everyone to learn!
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes. I would love our school district to offer this workshop to all our teachers!

#### Any other comments?

- I wish we would have stuck to the time that was agreed on!
- I strongly agree that printing should be directly and sequentially taught in school and pre-printing skills taught in pre-school. I would recommend the Riggs Program to all grade 1 and 2 teachers, though as a more comprehensive and complete approach to learning/teaching printing.
- This information made me re-think my expectations of what children should be able to do regarding their developmental age e.g. printing, using scissors.