



early childhood community development centre

Francophone Supervisor Network

Wednesday, February 23, 2011 - 10:00am to 12:00 pm

Minutes

Meeting Highlights:

- The meeting opened at 10:00 am and adjourned at 12:10 pm. There were 5 supervisor/managers in attendance, along with Madeleine/College Boreal, Jean McBrain and Darlene Edgar/RMN, Judy Bonsignore/Community Living Welland-Pelham, Susan Foebel/MCYS and Lorrey, Nickie and Glory/ECCDC.
- Updates and information on the ECCDC's upcoming French Training and Resources were provided. The group was also given copies of the url to the Parent Survey for MCYS on Best Start Child and Family Centres, along with cards to contact Christina with summary updates (eg. number of parents who completed the survey and feedback trends).
- Next Meeting date: **Wednesday, June 15, 2011 from 10am-12pm at the ECCDC, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Thorold.**

Information, Ideas and Tips Shared:

1) Darlene E. and Judy B. provided the following information and updates from the Inclusive Child Care Support Committee:

- There was a gap in RT French support services and it was apparent that support beyond Welland/Pelham was required. Judy therefore hired French staff to assist and extended service outreach. Further supports are still needed.
- Planning for supports to dual language children needs to be addressed and a meeting with Raymonde will be scheduled.
- Other issues and needs include: a waitlist; consistency of and access to support (eg. those with high needs and no subsidy currently get no in-class support which may lead to termination of service), and; engaging parents, fundraising and advocacy.
- A case conference with Darlene, Judy, Raymonde and Dorothy Harvey (CONTACT Niagara) will be scheduled.
- Concerning the issue of Anglophone supports for children of Anglophone parents in Francophone centres – some Boards have/may have issues with this and suggest a discharge policy. It was suggested that a 'general' clause be included concerning discharge that indicates that 'if special needs cannot be met, the centre reserves the right to refuse service and/or refer elsewhere on a case by case basis'.
- There will be ongoing English RT support however there are no \$ for French RT support. If the English RT support is lost then a new plan will be developed for all.
- Please contact Darlene directly with any questions, comments or issues.

2) Susan Foebel provided the following updates from MCYS:

- Now that licensing results are being posted, a follow-up letter for parents is being developed.
- There are still a few 2010 lead testing copies to be received. If you are operating on a reduced schedule, please still send in forms.
- Annual Serious Occurrence summaries are due.
- Centre licensing still remains with MCYS at this time. Sigrid Voth is now the Acting Licensing manager for our region.

3) Jean McBrain provided the following updates on behalf of the RMN:

- Budgets from services providers are due.
- As the new Council is being established, approvals are in process. Additional dollars for program supports will be explored, if possible.
- Kathy Ballantyne has collated the salary survey responses and will send an update.

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Information, Ideas and Tips Shared (cont'd):

- 4) Christina shared the following updates from the Best Start Francophone and Niagara Best Start Networks:
- New representatives are needed. Please contact Raymonde if you are interested.
 - The Niagara Best Start Child & Family Centres Reference Group would like child care centres to promote and assist parents with completing the Ministry's survey.
- 5) Raymonde shared the following updates from the Niagara Child Care Sector Committee:
- Future focus on child care for 0-3.8 years will shift post-secondary training.
 - Information on how the FDELKP will affect child care should be obtained. Francophone centres have lost 2 staff to school boards already. Some centres are offering a higher wage and staff are asked to take split shifts, Other centres are hiring unqualified staff. While third party providers are still being permitted, there are ongoing implementation issues around space.
 - NCCS still needs more supervisor and Francophone representation. If you are interested, contact Kim Cole directly. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10/11.
- 5) Christina Carter offered the following update from QCCN:
- QCCN is considering developing a 'sharing the QCCN story' video with Fran Owen, as DVDs in other communities are creating a 'buzz'.
 - The following are updates from the Foundation Team:
 1. Phase 1 is moving to a 'train-the-trainer' model and helping with extended day support. The YMCA and A Child's World will be trainers and trainings are being determined. Pathstones and SSN are doing their own sessions.
 2. Phase 2 remains the same
 3. Christina Carter is an available Francophone trainer
 4. Don't forget to input your QCCN statistics as the information is critical.
- 6) Updates on other programs included:
- Madeleine will forward a pdf on the French ECE course that College Boreal is offering at Niagara College this fall
 - Nickie and Lorrey provided the following ECCDC and Francophone training and resource updates:
 - Website for accessing French version of College of ECE Standards.
 - The Personality Dimension session scheduled for October and Canadian Child Care Federation scheduled for October 26th and October 27th were cancelled due to lack of registrations. Please let Lorrey know if you wish to have either of these sessions offered in coming months.
 - A workshop requested by French resource teacher Jessie Fournier related to Supporting Young Children with Hearing Difficulties was offered by the Ministry of Education in the Winter Edition of Esteem and will be re-offered again in spring along with a session on supporting children with sensory stimulation (another request by Jessie and Christina Carter). Sensory Stimulation Session is on April 20 while the Hearing Difficulty session is on April 28th.
 - The ECCDC is happy to schedule training sessions upon request. Please contact Lorrey with information about desired topics, dates and time to arrange a customized session.
 - Marketing Materials for Centre de Santé- please bring any materials that programs wish to have advertised at Centre de Santé to the next meeting.
 - Sign in Sheet changes, that were recommended by the network at the last meeting so that further information may be gained about child care centres, individuals and how many other staff those individuals are representing, were reviewed.
 - Workroom utilization charts were revised based on Network feedback given at the last meeting so that further information about actual centres and related staff may be reported on in future meetings related to workroom usage. Information to follow at future meetings.

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- Play based Learning Kits update on translated materials was provided and French resources for the learning kit on display at the meeting were specifically highlighted.
- Winter Projects for Sale Flyer was distributed with a reminder that items are available to be ordered in French.

8) Consultation updates:

- The master list of French services is complete. Lorrey to distribute.
- The French Take Home Activity Kit Sample idea is not being pursued.
- The idea of a Francophone Focus Group Planning meeting has been deferred to possibly 2012.

Work produced, actions taken or decisions reached:

- Member centres will assist parents with completing the survey.
- The master list of French services will be distributed.
- Contact Darlene with any concerns or requests concerning special needs support services.
- Send requests for training to Lorrey.

Upcoming events and sector news:

- College of ECE's Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice Information Session on April 6, 2011. You may register through the ECCDC
- Supporting Children's Sensory Challenges on April 20th, You may register through the ECCDC
- Supporting Children with Difficulty Hearing on April 28th. You may register through the ECCDC

Resources required for next meeting:

- Please bring any materials that programs wish to have advertised at Centre de Santé to the next meeting (all members)
- List of updated Francophone centres, formatted for sharing (Lucette)
- Francophone training and resource update (Lorrey/Nickie)
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