

# NEWS CHILD CARE



Fall 2012 Issue



## GREETINGS FROM THE MANAGER OF CHILD CARE SERVICES

I can't believe another school year is ready to begin, and what a busy year it is going to be!

Child care has already undergone some major transformations and continues to see more transformation on the horizon.

The Ministry of Education has provided additional supports to child care as you have been made aware of in the correspondence that we sent out to centres.

These additional supports cover things such as

- Health and Safety (additional dollars)
- Transformation dollars costs for information technology used for administrative and business purposes ( Non-Profit programs) as well as
- Transitional Operating dollars
- Transitional Capital dollars

If you have any questions or comments regarding funding please don't hesitate to contact me, we will strive to support all programs in the best manner we can.

## DID YOU KNOW.....

Recently the province has sent out a discussion paper entitled Modernizing Child Care in Ontario. The paper talks about how Ontario is looking forward to modernizing the child care sector to ensure it remains strong and will help families experience a seamless transition to full-day kindergarten. Copies of this discussion paper is available online at Ontario's Regulatory Registry website:

[www.ontariocanada.com/registry](http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry).

Written feedback can be provided via the registry, by email to:

[CCGE\\_mmodernization@ontario.ca](mailto:CCGE_mmodernization@ontario.ca)

or by regular mail to:

Child Care Modernization  
c/o Early Learning Division  
Ministry of Education  
900 Bay Street, 24<sup>th</sup> floor Mowat  
Block  
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Please have a look and provide your feedback.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

We are very proud of our LEAP graduates (Learning Earning and Parenting) and are happy to celebrate their successes and recognize your contributions to their achievements. They could not have done it without you!

We all deserve a pat on the back for being part of their success in our community.

## VISITS, VISITS AND MORE VISITS

September brings some changes as supervisors shuffle into programs, programs expand and new ones open.

Our office hopes to continue our visits so we look forward to meeting everyone and introducing ourselves to you this fall

## FALL IS FINALLY HERE

There is a hint of fall in the evening air and before you know it the leaves will be turning red and orange.

Southern Ontario will be displaying its Fall colours for everyone to enjoy.

With the end of summer comes some long weekends so here are the Child Care Services office closures:

September 3, Labour Day  
October 8, Thanksgiving

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY...

If at first you do succeed...try not to look so astonished.

Or ask yourself this question....

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Last one we promise.....

The first rule of holes:  
If you are in one, stop digging.



## NEWS FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS

Just giving supervisors some early news that this year Child Care Services will be covering Christmas, March Break and Exam weeks for LEAP participants enrolled in licensed day care centres and private homes. Please mark these days as vacation days. This is a benefit of the LEAP Program only.

When completing program billing please mark Christmas and March Breaks with the letter "V".

### V = Vacation

(During exams All LEAP students will be encouraged to use this time for studies.)

## GROWTH IN PROGRAMS

We have noticed that many programs are expanding or changing their licenses to keep up with the ever changing child care needs in our community.

Keep up the great work and keep looking to the future.

## ELP SITES

The approved schools that will implement the full day learning are as follows for September 2012/2013 can be found on the following websites.

[www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)

[www.bhncdsb.ca](http://www.bhncdsb.ca)

## BEST START NEWS

The **Best Start Parent Fair** was held Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 10-2 at Branlyn / Notre Dame School. We had a successful event with over 500 parent and children visitors. Melanie Mears, chair of the parent fair committee, would like to thank her committee for their dedication and hard work.

A big thank you also goes out to our community partners who contributed to an educational and entertaining event.



The Fair has a new location and will be at the **Civic Centre on 69 Market Street South**. Save the date on your calendars for **Saturday April 13, 2013 from 10am until 2pm**.

## BEST START MAGAZINE FALL EDITION

The steering committee is getting ready for our Fall release of the magazine. We expect to have it ready for delivery around October 8<sup>th</sup>. It is packed full of ideas and will feature a centre pull out on recruitment and retention in the field of Early Childhood Education.