

NEWS CHILD CARE



July 2013



GREETINGS FROM THE MANAGER OF CHILD CARE SERVICES

Happy Summer, I can't believe it is July already that means that the year is over half gone! What a busy year it has been at Child Care Services.

The last month has been really refreshing to me to be able to meet with programs owners/operators/board members and supervisors on a one on one basis to discuss the great work they are all doing and planning on doing in the future. We are lucky to have these additional dollars in the child care system.

Take a look at what we have accomplished so far since January

- Implemented a Capacity plan (see more information in next column) which includes the beginning stages of developing a web based training model
- Equalized the differentiation between program and non program staff with the old Wage Improvement dollars

- Approved Health and Safety dollars
- In process of some approvals of Transformation dollars for programs that have changed age groups (Did you know at least 5 programs have done this?)
- Have offered information sessions and then 3 training sessions and have now gone live with ONELIST waitlist program!! A support for centres and the families in the community
- Met with owners operators/supervisors over General Operating dollars
- We continue to work on our other priorities of supporting the families requiring financial assistance with their child care costs, this keeps us increasingly busy

Enjoy the time with your families this summer.

Kim

CAPACITY BUILDING IN BRANT

As a result of funding through the Modernization of Child Care in Brant, professionals working in licensed child care are able to benefit from free professional development.

If you work within a licensed child care centre or for a licensed home child care agency, you may be eligible for free First Aid Training, free Professional Development and coming soon... free online training.

Ask your child care supervisor/administrator for more information.

The City of Brantford Child Care Services has partnered with Lansdowne Children's Centre and the Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant to provide local training opportunities.

Online learning will be available in the fall of 2013 at

www.eycbrant.ca/ece

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEW

We would like to thank everyone for coming to the "hands on" training for the ONELIST Child Care Waitlist program.

On July 8, 2013 the City of Brantford and the County of Brant launched the website, called OneList,

The safe, fast and convenient waitlist.

BrantfordBrantOneList.ca

OneList is an online centralized childcare registry and information service that simplifies the process of applying for child care. Applying for child care or getting on a waiting list is easier than ever.

OneList provides you with:

- the ability to **research** different child care providers and the type of care offered;
- **maps** of locations of child care programs close to your home or work;
- the option to apply **simultaneously** to any number of licensed child care programs for multiple children;
- information about the child care fee **subsidy** program;
- access to **change** your application anywhere, anytime;
- and, a highly secure website that ensures your **privacy**.

Get on **OneList** today

To register visit:
BrantfordBrantOneList.ca

For support: call 1-888-722-1540 or email support@onehsn.com

For more program info call:
519-756-3150



Please pass this along to anyone requiring child care.

CHANGES IN CHILD CARE SERVICES

We would like to welcome Tina Bloomfield who has officially joined the Child Care Services office as a full time Child Care Representative.

Tina has been working full time on a contract basis in the office for the last two and a half years. It's great to have her as a permanent member of our Child Care Services Team.

Tina can still be reached at
519-756-3150 x 27

Congratulations Tina :)

**Child Care Services
will be closed**

August 5th

September 2nd

BEST START NEWS

The Best Start Magazine Committee is getting ready for our Fall Edition coming your way soon. The magazine is a fabulous resource for our community.

Be sure to highlight its contents to your clients, families and customers so we can give the children ourbest4brant.

DID YOU KNOW.....

There are over 2360 licenced child care spaces in Brantford/Brant.

These spaces are broken out as 66 infants, 270 toddlers, 733 preschool, 328 J/K and 20 S/K children and 943 School age children.

Licensed Child care continues to grow.

This resource is available for families in hard copy as well. It includes Helpful Hints when looking for Quality Childcare

<http://www.ourbeststart4brant.ca/files/resources/FindingQualityChildCare-Brant.pdf>

If you have any questions or comments regarding the information shared in this newsletter please contact Kim Romano, Manager of Child Care Services at
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