

Fall 2013

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Step into new beginnings.....

Raising the Bar Binder Reviews

*Submission Date:
Thursday, October 10*

*Review Date:
Thursday, October 24*

See inside for more information

“When all think alike, no one is thinking.”

Walter Lipmann

Mark the date on your calendars.....

Child Care Appreciation and Recognition Celebration

Wednesday, November 13
6 - 9:30 p.m.

Did you know?.....

Child Care Exchange Magazine has a free feature called ***Exchange Everyday***.

ExchangeEveryDay is the official electronic newsletter for Exchange Press, Inc. It is delivered five days a week containing news stories, success stories, solutions, trend reports, and much more.

Check it out at <http://www.childcareexchange.com/eed/>

From the Professional Learning Coordinator

Fall is always a time of change. The rhythm of the summer months shifts as we look forward to crisper days and changes in the children with whom we spend our days. Families move on and new ones join us. I don't know about you but I look forward in the fall to new opportunities. Perhaps it is linked to the old excitement of going back to school when I was a child.

Survey: Many thanks to those of you who completed the online survey this summer. It provides useful information to guide planning. As always, if there is something of interest for you, please let me know.

Fall events: Please see some of the highlights of events this fall on the next page. Also, remember to check the website for information on events locally and in other cities as things will be added from time to time.

Networks: Networks will be starting up again. They are a great chance to visit other centres and to connect with your peers. One change this fall is the absence of a Science Network. This year we will aim to bring science into the other network meetings.

Hosting: Please contact me if your centre would be interested in hosting a network meeting. Even if you don't attend regularly, it is a great opportunity to share the diversity in our community and to gather some new ideas.

Coming: Later this fall, we will be adding some resources with reflective practice components to the website. Stay tuned.

Katherine Orgill

From the Quality Initiative Coordinator

Like most of you I cannot believe September is here already! I hope that you have had a great summer with time to relax with family and friends, and are feeling energized as we get ready for fall. As I look back on the first few weeks as the Quality Initiatives Co-ordinator I realize how much I have already learned in this role and how much I enjoy the work involved. One of the best parts has been to visit programs, making new connections and rekindling old ones, including getting to work with Katherine again.

I wanted to remind everyone participating in the Raising the Bar Initiative that profile submission day is on October 10th. Please bring your binder to the IIQ office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Plan to stay for a visit over good coffee/tea and enjoy a yummy treat from Peterborough's Black Honey bakeshop! As always contact me if you have any questions regarding the profile. I am more than happy to come to your program to offer support.

If you would like to be involved in peer review day on October 24 please let me know. I am encouraging those who have never participated as a peer reviewer to consider this. It is a great learning experience and I will pair first time reviewers with those who have participated before.

Susan Scoffin

In the news.....Investing in Quality welcomes Cheryl Herder as the new Early Childhood Education Coordinator at Fleming College.

Cheryl takes over from Linda Hudson who is retiring.



Professional Learning Highlights

Infant Mental Health : the Basics
 Webcast from Sick Kids Hospital
Join your colleagues to learn about and understand the impact of a young child’s experiences on their mental health and emerging sense of self. This workshop is geared to those working with children aged 0 –3 years.

Monday, September 23
 9:00 - 4:00
 550 Braidwood Ave
 Cost: \$15.00

Understanding the Early Learning Framework : for supervisors
This workshop will be presented by the IIQ staff to offer supervisors the opportunity to get together with others to explore the framework and to share experiences.

Wednesday, September 25
 1:00 - 4:00
 Northview

Understanding Biting
Using the new library resource book, No Biting by Gretchen Kinnell, we will look at better understanding why children bite and strategies for responding to it.

Tuesday, October 8
 6:30 - 8:30
 550 Braidwood Ave

Computer Training
Once again the City is funding training for staff who deal with supervisory and administrative tasks within Child Care settings.

Shaw Computers
 9:00 - 4:00
 Excel: October 2nd
 QuickBooks: October 17th
 Simply Accounting: November 7th



Mark Battle
 Coming originally from Ontario, Marc Battle teaches Early Childhood Education at Red River College in Winnipeg. He has worked with diverse groups from inner city to rural to First Nations. He is passionate about quality in Early Childhood programs with a focus on building on the children’s interests.
*“Coming to Peterborough to Saturday, November 16
 9:00 am. - 1:00 p.m.
 Cost \$25.00
 Registration will be available soon.*

“The most important thing is to think about why you are interested in the field and to be aware of your values, and then you can’t go wrong. You tend to do good work when you live by your values, and you get rewarded for that.”

Marc Battle

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College of ECE Leadership Pilot Project

These are certainly exciting times in the field of Early Childhood Education as we continue to develop our capacity as a publically recognized profession. As of August there are over 45,000 registered ECEs making our profession one of the largest in the province!

Commencing in September 2014 when RECEs renew their membership or a new member registers for the first time, they will engage in professional learning developed by the College. Recently the College launched a Leadership Pilot Project involving 31 RECEs. This group consists of 6 mentors and 25 mentees selected from applicants from across the province. The six month project will be launched at the end of September at the Symposium on Leadership for ECEs. A significant part of the Project will involve testing five interactive modules developed by the College that eventually all RECEs will participate in as part of the membership process. While ECEs are encouraged to be engaged in their profession in a variety of ways (through memberships to professional organizations, reading articles, networking etc.) once the College begins to offer professional learning opportunities membership with the College will count as a professional membership for Raising the Bar purposes.

I am very honoured to be involved in the Leadership Pilot project as one of the mentors and am excited to be able to bring back current information and resources to our community as the Project unfolds.

Susan Scoffin



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