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NLFRP News

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NLFRP Update

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Association of Family Resource Programs held its Annual General Meeting on June 11th in Deer Lake. The Annual Report was presented at this meeting. The full report is available to all members, however, activity highlights of the past year include the Hanen Literacy Training facilitated in October 2012 for FRCs in the Western/ Grenfell and Labrador Regions and in February 2013 for Central, Eastern and the St. John's regions. The first joint Coordinator's Meeting and Management Training Session facilitated by NLFRP took place in September 2012. A special thank you to Maureen Bethel, Treasurer for the NLFRP, for taking the lead role in organizing these two networking and professional development events.

The NLFRP Board would also like to recognize Rhonda Thomas, past Co-Chair of the NLFRP, for her service to the Association for the past ten years and we wish her and her family the very best on their new adventure in Montreal.

Planning is currently underway for the next NLFRP Provincial Conference scheduled for May 6-8, 2014 in Gander, NL. We are looking forward to another interesting, informative and entertaining learning and networking event in 2014.

A big thank you is extended to all the members for the ongoing support and involvement in the Association and for your commitment to young children and families throughout the province.

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Early Childhood Learning Framework An Exciting Development

by Maureen Bethel

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is currently in the final stages of developing the Early Childhood Learning Framework to support parents and other adults who care for children birth to eight years of age. The overall purpose of the framework is to provide quality, evidence-based information to help guide parents/caregivers and the broader community to enhance early learning opportunities for children.

The Department for Education is taking the lead in the development of the framework. This spring several NLFRP members were asked to provide feedback and input into the applicability of the framework.

The content of the framework is divided into five sections:

- **Part 1 - An Introduction to Early Childhood Learning in Newfoundland and Labrador**
- **Part 2 - Principles of Early Childhood Learning**
 - o Who We Are
 - o Our Connections

- o How We Learn
- **Part 3 - Goals of Early Childhood Learning**
 - o Well-Being and Belonging
 - o Communication
 - o Play and Exploration
 - o Social Contribution
- **Part 4 - Putting Into Practice**
 - o Early Childhood Learning



Framework at Home

- o Early Childhood Learning Framework in Child Care
- o Early Childhood Learning Framework in the Community
- o Early Childhood Learning Framework in School
- **Part 5 - References**

Each section holds valuable information on supporting a child's early learning. Since April of 2013 NLFRP members have

been involved in reviewing each section and providing examples from our everyday relationships with families and their children which are reflective of the goals of the framework.

Members have been busy sending in everything from pictures to stories to art work. Here is an example of information submitted by one NLFRP member:

Belonging

Diversity defines many of our playgroups. These children are all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians each with their own unique backgrounds and cultures. The playgroup provides them with a safe place to learn about each other's differences and similarities.

These children were actively engaged in cooperative play. Their ability to focus solely on the play reflects acceptance of each other and their confidence in the play setting.

For more information about the development of the Early Childhood Learning Framework visit <http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/earlychildhood/>

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Provincial Networking Conference May 6-8, 2014

Plans for our Provincial Networking conference are underway. This year's theme will be "Building the Bond – Staying Strong". It will be held from May 6th-8th, 2014 at Hotel Gander. This year we will be offering pre-conference training with motivational speaker Janice Butler from Creative Breeze training! We invite everyone to submit any ideas you may have

for possible workshops for the conference. You may contact any of the regional representatives listed above with your ideas.



Leadership Training

**November 6th and 7th, Deer
Lake**

The NLFRP is currently planning training for Executive Directors/Program Coordinators of Family Resource Centres in the province. The training will take place on November 6th and 7th at the Holiday Inn Express in Deer Lake. This meeting will provide opportunities for learning on a variety of leadership topics as well as facilitated networking. For more details please contact one of the NLFRP representatives for your region.

