

SAVE THE DATE:

Free Early Learning Mini-Conference

For: Childcare Staff, Kindergarten Teachers, OEYC Staff, Resource Consultants, Early Learning Practitioners

Date: Saturday March 28, 2008

Location: Family Space

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tentative Agenda:

8:30 – Registration & Refreshments

9:00 – Presentation from MCYS staff on the Early Learning Framework- Introduction

10:00 – Presentation from Lanark Early Integration Program – Implementing the Framework

11:15 – Presentation from Lynn Crawford Beare – HPEDSB – Linking childcare with Education through curriculum.

What is the Early Learning Framework?

The Best Start Expert Panel on Early Learning from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services has developed an Early Learning Framework (ELF). “Early Learning for Every Child Today” is a framework for Ontario early childhood settings.

The Early Learning Framework describes how young children learn and develop, and provides a guide for curriculum in Ontario’s early childhood settings, including child care centres, licensed home child care, nursery schools, kindergartens, OEYC’s, etc.

It is intended to complement, not replace the Ontario Day Nurseries Act, Ontario Early Years Guidelines and the Kindergarten Program.

The Purpose of the Early Learning for Every Child Today document is a guide to support curriculum and teaching in Ontario’s early childhood settings. It complements specific curricular and pedagogical approaches, early identification protocols and regulated requirements now in place in Ontario early childhood settings. It also provides direction for programs that do not have an explicit curriculum or consistent pedagogical approach. It features a continuum of developmental skills and a shared language that will support early childhood practitioners and caregivers as they work together across early childhood settings.

Participants will receive a copy of the Early Learning Framework document on the day of the conference. The conference is free.

Registration and Brochure information will be sent to you in early March.