



MINUTES OF THE KENORA DISTRICT BEST START NETWORK MEETING

Held Wednesday, February 17, 2010
at the Kenora District Services Board Office in Dryden

Present:	Kelly Williams,	Kenora Association for Community Living, Kenora Family Connection Coalition
	Donna Cutler,	Local Services System Management Table Northwestern Health Unit
	Janet Paterson, Clarise Henrickson,	Patricia Centre for Children and Youth Waninawakang Aboriginal Head Start, Child and Family Health Network
	Murray Delorme, Deanna Pacheco, Lynn Carlson,	Kenora Catholic District School Board Keewatin Patricia District School Board Kenora District Child Care Operators, Dryden Children's Resource Centre
	Kim Gardiman, Laurie Spalding, Sarah Stevenson, Mickey Samsal,	Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Ontario Native Women's Association Kenora District Services Board, Children's Programs Kenora District Services Board, Recording Secretary
Teleconference:	Leanne Mineault,	Lake of the Woods Child Development Centre
Regrets:	Caryl Hron, Sandra Russell,	Keewatin Patricia District School Board Ministry of Children and Youth Services/Ministry of Community and Social Services
	Carole Lynne Oldale, Tina Durfey, Deb Cousineau, Barb Avanthey,	Ministry of Education Metis Nation of Ontario North Words Healthy Generation Coalition-Dryden, Ignace, Wabigoon, Vermilion Bay, Best Start Hubs
	Helen Clark, Bob Onysko Al Cesiunas,	Kenora District Services Board, Ontario Works Kenora –Patricia Child and Family Services Northwest Catholic District School Board

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Co-Chair, Lynn Carlson at 10:05 a.m.

2. Welcome/Introductions

- Lynn welcomed everyone and those members that were present and on by teleconference introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda

3.1. MOTION NO: KDBSN2010-3

Moved by: Janet Paterson
Seconded by: Donna Cutler

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Best Start Network meeting scheduled for 10:00 am on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 be approved.

CALLED: CARRIED

ACTION: File

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.1 Motion NO: KDBSN2010 – 4

Moved by: Kelly Williams
Seconded by: Sarah Stevenson

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting of the Best Start Network be approved as presented.

CALLED: CARRIED

ACTION: Post to the Kenora District Services Board Website

5. Unfinished Business

- March 17th meeting is cancelled. The next Best Start Network Meeting will be April 7, 2010.

6. Business

6.1. Correspondence (Lynn Carlson)

- No Correspondence received.

6.2 Update Early Learning Program

6.2.1 Ministry Update (provided by Carole-Lynn Oldale read by Sarah Stevenson)

- Boards are currently in the registration process and also determining the interest in the extended day.
- There was an Early Learning Curriculum session in Thunder Bay on February 2/10 for Senior Administration of School Boards, Principals, Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers and registered members of the College of Early Childhood Educators from Northwestern Ontario.
- The curriculum is not yet completed and the discussion was on small portions of the document.
- On February 12th a session was held for all the principals of the year 1 sites to review their roles and responsibilities and to begin developing a network of Phase 1 Principals.
- Boards will be looking at year 2 sites in the near future.

6.2.2 Keewatin Patricia District School Board Update (Deanna Pacheco)

- Deanna shared the posters and communiqué that the School Board will be using to promote the Early Learning Program.
- A letter will be sent to parents and ads were placed in local newspapers.
- Information about the program will be posted on their website March 31/10.
- Sarah asked if Deanna could forward these communications to her to share with Best Start Hubs and Child Care Programs in Kenora and Dryden.
- Parent meetings were held February 10th.
- Information about the ELP was shared with all principals.
- Program enrolment will be restricted to school boundary area.

- Deanna shared that Caryl Hron has been visiting Child Care Programs in the District to get a sense of their programs.

ACTION: Deanna will forward information to Sarah for distribution to the Best Start Partners.

6.2.3 Kenora Catholic District School Board Update (Murray Delorme)

- Enrolment has been positive with a waiting list.
- Program will be restricted to the Keewatin Boundary Area for St. Louis School.
- Investigation on the extended day enrolment is not complete.
- Early Childhood Educator job descriptions are being developed.
- A parent meeting is being planned within the month.
- The program is not mandatory, if the child is not ready to attend everyday. Enrolment can be gradually implemented.
- Sarah provided information regarding “special needs” subsidy. A child can attend Child Care and be enrolled at the Early Learning Program.

6.2.4 Northwest Catholic District School Board Update

- None forward for this meeting

6.3 Update from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services

- None forward for this meeting

6.4 Update from the French Language Network

- None forward for this meeting

6.5 Update for OMSSA/alPHa Forum

- See attached report.

6.6 Update ELECT and ELCC Conference

- ELECT training was held February 8th.
- In the first session there were technical problems along with some mixed understanding and expectation of the content.
- Feedback has been taken to the facilitator and changes will be made before the next teleconference, to be held tonight, February 17th.
- Kelly asked how the facilitator was chosen. Leanne explained that Jean Clinton made a presentation about ELECT at the Child Care Supervisors meeting and suggestions were made at that time.
- Kelly suggested that we should draw from our own resources and maybe work with smaller groups to expand training on the ELECT.
- ELCC Conference will be held April 21-22 at the Lakeside Inn in Kenora.
- Registration will be available the first week of March. 120 can be accommodated comfortably.
- Jean Clinton, Keynote speaker will be holding the same workshop both days for those wanting to attend one day only.
- Leanne will forward post cards and registration forms to Sarah for distribution to the Network members.

6.7 Sub-committee Updates:

6.7.1 Communication (Sarah Stevenson)

- See Attached Minutes from previous Communication Sub-committee meeting.

Poster Contest:

- Posters displayed on Boardroom wall.
- Sarah asked if a prize package should be developed for the class and then they can draw for prizes or should the posters be judged.
- Members agreed that a draw should be done and posters not judged.
- Sarah is waiting for a quote on calendars and placement to be designed from the posters.
- Janet asked if the posters can be kept for Best Start promotional purposes. Members agreed that is a great idea.

- Two outstanding projects still to be completed: Develop a video to be played at Doctor's office and Prescription pads.

6.7.2 Caring and Sharing (Sarah Stevenson)

- Sarah presented the feedback from the Caring & Sharing Symposium (see attached report)
- Transition to School document completed and endorsed by all involved in the development process
- The plan is being shared and use of the tool is beginning, full implementation planned for September 2011.

6.7.3. Universal Screening and Parenting Programs (Donna Cutler)

- First meeting held February 4, via teleconference.
- Group will focus on developing 18 Month Well Baby Referral Path Way for Physicians in the Kenora District.
- Will complete an environmental scan of programs to plan for Universal screening and Parenting Program review.
- The Committee made a request of \$1500 dollars from the Network to Host a dinner with Dr. Jean Clinton for Doctors and community champions from the medical profession from the Kenora District on April 21.
- There was an invitation from the Offord Centre to attend a one day meeting on Mar. 8 about the 18 Month Well Baby. The Network appreciated the invitation but felt that it was too short of notice for anyone to attend.
- Next meeting March 12, via teleconference.
- The Group will meet face to face following the next Network meeting on April 7.

6.7.4 ELP Transition Committee (Sarah Stevenson)

- It was decided at the January 20th meeting that a sub-committee should be developed to support the Child Care operators and the School Boards through the development and transition of the Early Learning Programs.
- Caryl, Murray, Lynn, Sarah, Teresa Clark, Barb Jackson will sit on this committee
- Their focus will be:
 - Supporting School Board's as they draft job descriptions for Early Childhood Educators
 - Providing School Board's with a snap shot of Child Care services and processes.
 - Questions regarding Fee Subsidy and how it is managed.

6.8 Best Start Partners Update

6.8.1 Community Coalitions

Kenora Family Connection Coalition (Kelly Williams)

- The EDI findings were presented by the Data Analysis Coordinators at their last meeting.
- A request was made to form a sub-committee to put the stats into action.
- Concerns were raised regarding flexibility of the Early Learning Program and how to provide services for families.

Child and Family Health Network (Clarise Henrickson)

- No report at this time. Clarise stated that they have five meetings a year.

Reproductive Health Network

- Sarah reported that a Child Care Operator is interested in being the Rep for this Coalition.

ACTION: Sarah will contact this member and will provide information at the next meeting.

6.8.2 Data Analysis Coordinators (Leanne Mineault)

- The following are meeting dates that the DAC's have arranged with the Community Coalitions:
 - Kenora – February 16
 - Dryden – March 9
 - Red Lake – April 14
 - Sioux Lookout – May 21 or 28.
- Sarah asked if each community coalition would be requested to set up a sub committee to analyse the EDI stats.
- Sarah also asked on how the Network will stay connected with these sub committees.
- Leanne replied that the Coalition reps will be reporting back to the Network.

6.8.3 Best Start Hubs (Leanne Mineault)

- Deferred until next meeting.

6.8.4 Early Learning and Care (Lynn Carlson)

- See attached report

6.8.5 Local Service System Management Table (Donna Cutler)

- A meeting is planned for the end of February so Donna is hoping to have a report for the next meeting.

6.8.6 North Words (Donna Cutler)

- The Audiology Services delivered in the past will be changing.
- Fort Frances audiologist has resigned.
- Audiology Services are contracted in partnership with the Canadian Hearing Society in order to provide service to the general public.

6.8.7 North Western Health Unit (Kim Gardiman)

- Funding will continue for CPNP- Canada Prenatal and Nutrition Program
- Public Health Nurses can provide information to families about the Early Learning Program
- Accreditation occurring April 26-28.

6.8.8 Ontario Works

- None forward for this meeting

6.8.9 Infant Development Programs (Kelly Williams)

- The Chair of Infant Develop Program Board has been invited to sit on the Special Needs committee.

6.8.10 Education

- Nothing further to report

6.8.11 Child Protection (Sarah Stevenson)

- The protocol between CAS and Child Care Operators is in the final stage. Once the final copy is received Sarah will distribute it.

6.8.12 Aboriginal Programs

- No Report

7. Best Start Network Financial Report

7.1 Kenora District Best Start Network YTD Financial (Sarah Stevenson)

2010 Best Start Network Financial Report	February 17, 2010
Total 2010 Budget	\$28,800
Best Start administration cost to Kenora District Services Board	\$10,000
Early Learning and Child Care Conference	2,500
Caring and Sharing	5,000
Co-Chair Travel Costs	Sault Ste Marie regional Meeting airfare 2,096
Best Start Network Meetings	(based on 2009) 1,200
	(approx.) 160
Tele-conferences	(based on 2009) 600
	(approx.) 80
Best Start Communication	??
	21,396
	7,404

7.2 Best Start Network Budget Request for 2010 (Sarah Stevenson)

- Dinner for Physicians with Dr. Jean Clinton \$1,500
- Communication Committee 5,000
- Ads placed on Q104 80 Ads, 9 spots a week 600

ACTION: The Network agreed to commit \$1500 to the dinner with Dr. Clinton and \$600 to have the radio ads run on Q 104. The Network did not commit funds to the communication committee. The Communication Sub-committee will review the work plan and develop a request based on the items still needed to complete. It was a suggestion to send a copy of the radio ads to Sioux Lookout for the local radio station to play for no fee.

8. New Business

8.1 Development of a meeting summary (Sarah Stevenson)

- Partners identified the key points for the summary. Sarah will develop the summary that is to be shared by the Network members with their various organizations.

9. Next Meeting

- The April 7, 2010 Best Start Network meeting will be held in Dryden at the Kenora District Services Board Office.

10. Adjournment

- As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved: April 7, 2010

Kelly Williams, Co-Chair

Attachment 1**6.5 aPHa/OMSSA Report****OMSSA & aPHa Forum on Best Start Child and Family Centres**

- The Forum was the idea of Dr. Robin Williams, a strong advocate of children and Dr. Pascal's vision.
- We must organize a system for 0 – 3 and beyond and the Best Start tables are a starting point.

- We received a presentation overview of the Pascal Report and how it could be implemented.

- We were provided an opportunity for discussions/Q & A
 - Concerns were raised about the stability of the current system, Special Needs and the assumption that transferring programs and their resources is the best way as this may not be the case for some services/programs
 - The group wanted to ensure that there is flexibility to implement what is best for communities and that may look different in each area

Key Messages:

- Need to work in a multiple service framework.
- Need to work with CC as they are going to be affected.
- Think outside the box and make the vision work.
- Although the focus will be on ELP we can't do anything in isolation.
- Will need to be making changes to services for children 0 - 3 and 6 - 12 years while implementing the ELPs.
- We can't wait for funding; we need to look at current resources and work to create a seamless system for children and families.
- Best Start Networks and all sectors involved are expected to take responsibility for this action.
- One size won't fit all.
- At this time the Pascal Report is a report and only the full-day of early learning is being implemented.

Presenters:***Honorable Margaret McCain:***

- warned that only implementing part of the plan won't work

Jim Grieves, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years Division, Ministry of Education:

- Encouraged boards to take on 6 - 12 years olds and extended year if their schools have the capacity.
- Offered to support and meet with Networks and all involved in planning for implementing the full vision, he spoke of transparency and the need to keep everyone informed.

Darryl Sturtevant, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Children and Youth Services:

- Stated that we may be asking where is the Ministry - he has been holding back as they see that Education is the lead on the ELP but told us we would be hearing more from MCYS in the future.
- He believes this is the right direction is supporting early learning.

- His division is working on policies to make changes to the DNA to ensure child care programs are viable through the transition, he also stated that we need to work together to ensure that ELPs are implemented as they were intended.
- Evaluating the local impact on Child Care.
- Will be entering into agreements with DSSABs and CMSMs to develop plans for Child Care for phase 1,2,3...
- Education is the lead on a working group with MCYS, MOHLTC to look at Special Needs
- TCU – lead working on a HR strategy to support early learning (need to get from 28, 000 ECE's to 40,000).
- 0-4 Framework – still working out the details, program policy and outcomes

Jane Bertrand, Chair, Best Start Expert Panel:

- Concerned about what will happen if the schools don't take on the full year of services.
- Encouraged us to look at our challenges as opportunities.
- We need to utilize the funding and resources already in each community and focus on the benefit to children and families.

Professor Stuart Shanker, Brain Development Expert:

- Spoke on the topic of brain development.
- Of all the factors that account for how well a child will do in school, IQ has very minimal impact – Self Regulation is extremely important.
- Need a framework that will allow us to get to a child at a very early age.

Mary Beth Jonz, Director of Children's Services, Halton:

- Encouraged those in attendance to work towards implementing the Pascal Report, asked us to remember that it's not about us, it's about what is best for children and families.
- Need to be transparent in our actions for moving forward and involve all partners – do nothing in isolation but in a collaborative, cooperative manner.
- Need to stabilize the system as we change – keeping in mind that we need to be flexible and each community may look different depending upon their unique needs.
- "Keep calm and carry on" – it's going to happen with or without us!
- Asked that the Province endorse their role as Service System Managers

Sue Makin, Healthy Families Director, Toronto Public Health:

- All groups need to be at the table to engage in planning now.
- Public health is more than HBHC and HBHC is embedded within the programs of Public Health. HBHC is an integral part of Public Health – separating them would be like separating twins.
- Reproductive Health and Child Health have common goals as outlined by the Ontario Public Health Standards and are synergistic with the Pascal report.
- Outlined next steps in regards to partnering, planning and programming.

Dr. Wendy Roberts, Developmental Paediatrician, Co-director Autism Research:

- Need to implement what we know about high quality interactions now – we don't have time to wait.
- Need to take away labels and make early learning and care available for all children and families who need or want it.
- First person that adults talk to when children come into the world is a nurse or doctor so they need to be involved in the planning process now.

Dr. Robin Williams:

- Gave an empowering speech to the group, mentioning Canada is not doing well in their services for children and compared Canada to other parts of the world.
- She understands concerns about change but stated that we need to take responsibility for solving system challenges in order to shape our future.

Group Work:

The group was given the task to look examples of communities (rural and urban) with pre-existing services, programs and support and set them to reflect what they would now look like if the Pascal report was fully implemented.

Attachment 2**6.7.1 Communication Subcommittee Minutes**

 <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	Date:	February 10, 2010
	Time:	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
	Location:	Teleconference
	Chair:	Debby Cousineau
Type of meeting:	Communications Sub-Committee	
Participants:	Deb Cousineau, Mildred Beck, Sarah Stevenson	
Regrets:	Lynn Carlson, Leanne Mineault, Barb Avanthey	
Teleconference #:	1-866-613-5223 access code: 6309109#	

1. Welcome & Review of the Agenda**2. Review of Minutes:**(i) **January 13, 2010**(ii) **January 21, 2010**

The revised minutes of the December 9, 2009 meeting were included and passed as revised. Both the January 13 and January 21 minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

3. Radio Spots

The radio spots are ready to be aired and will launch on February 22, 2010. The radio station transponders in the Kenora District will have the Kenora District Best Start Network website as the tag line while the Rainy River District transponders will air the Rainy River District Best Start Network website as the tag line.

ACTION: Sarah will contact CKDR to ensure the tag lines indicate rainyriverdistrictbeststart.ca and kenoradistrictbeststart.ca

4. Website Development

The Kenora District Best Start Network will be launching a website with similar format to the Rainy River District Best Start Network. Sarah will contact the Fort Frances Times to finalize and confirm details.

ACTION: Both the Kenora & Rainy River District Best Start Networks are to determine what will be posted on the Members Only section. Also it must be determined who can access this section.

ACTION: Network members to determine length of time that information will be made available on website.

ACTION: The Communication Committee will submit an ad to the local papers announcing the launch of the Kenora & Rainy River District Best Start websites.

5. Poster Contest

The Poster Contest has finished and entries have been received. There were 59 submissions for the Kenora District, ranging through all age groups. Some entries for 7 year olds were received from a local school and we were requested to also judge these entries. The school has their own prize for this age group.

In the Kenora District the top 5 posters for each age group will be determined. These posters will be displayed at the February 17 Kenora Best Start Network meeting & members will be asked to vote on the posters, ranking them 1 through 5. The top posters will be declared the winners.

Results of the Rainy River District Poster contest are not yet known.

ACTION: Deb will contact Ann Anderson for update re: Rainy River District poster contest.

6. Partner Decal

In the Kenora District, a second call for applications was released. There have been four new applications for partner decals:

1. Kenora Association for Community Living – 7 decals
(Kelly Williams – applicant)
 - 2 decals KACL
 - 2 decals Kid Zone Lakeside
 - 2 decals Kid Zone SMB
 - 1 decal After school program @ SMB

STATUS – approved

2. Keewatin Patricia District School Board
(Carol Hron, Superintendant – applicant)
Initially the application was sent to the school principals, but only one principal applied. KPDSB questioned which schools they should apply to have decals placed in. The Communication Committee feels that a decal should be

placed in all schools, as families access all community schools.

STATUS – approved

3. Keewatin Patricia Child & Family Services – 3 decals

(Bob Onysko – applicant)
1 decal Red Lake office
1 decal Sioux Lookout office
1 decal Dryden office

STATUS – approved

4. North Words Kenora - CDC site
(Racheal Humphrey – applicant)

STATUS – approved

ACTION: Review decal distribution. Review mobile services and ensure all partners are contacted. Do we need to send out another request for applications?

7. List of chairpersons for upcoming meetings:

March – Leanne M.
April - Sarah S.
May - Barb A.
June - Mildred B.
July - Lynn C.
August - Deb

8. Funding request submission – BSN Kenora

A request has been made from the Kenora District Best Start Network for the Communication Committee to submit its 2010 funding request at the upcoming February 17 meeting.

The Rainy River District Best Start Network has committed \$4000 to the Communication Committee from its 2010 budget. It is recommended that this be requested of the Kenora District BSN.

ACTION: A request for \$4000 for the Communications Committee from the Kenora Best Start Network from its 2010 budget.

ACTION: At the next Communication Committee meeting it is recommended that the planning document be reviewed & updated as required.

9. Other:

The Kenora District BSN requests a written submission to be included with their meeting minutes.

ACTION: Deb will present the Communication Committee update at the February 17 Kenora BSN meeting. The minutes of this meeting will serve as the written update.

10. Next Meeting Date and Chairperson

March 10, 2010

Chairperson: Leanne M.

Attachment 3**6.7.2 Caring and Sharing 2009 Summary****Caring and Sharing 2009****Final Report for the Kenora Best Start Network****The event was held on Saturday, October 3, 2009****Participants**

124 Registrations

13 No Shows

111 Participants

\$130 dollars in registration fees were deposited in to the Caring and Sharing budget.

Break Down of Participants

Sector	Number of Participants
Early Learning and Care	64
Best Start Hubs	6
School Teachers	10
First Nations Child Care	13
Rainy River District	10
Other (Network Partners)	21

Event Costs

Rental and Food	\$3082.39
Presenter Costs	\$ 168.28
Promotion and Mail out	\$ 300.00
Thank you in Paper	\$ 147.00
Total Event cost	\$3697.67

Venue**Best Western Inn Dryden**

Things the venue did well:

-provided last minute lunch accommodation for allergy.

-flexible on set up.

-rooms were set up ahead of time, and ready to go.

Things the venue could improve:

-table clothes needed to be ironed.

-needed to wait for coffee cups during registration.

-mini-soup bowls provided instead of coffee cups.

Vendor and Partner Displays

Mike Lawrence (Local Author)

What's in the Bag? (Locally made Eye Spy Bags)

Lake of the Woods Child Development Center

Patricia Center for Children and Youth

Kenora Association for Community Living

Pampered Chef

The Bookcase

Discovery Toys

Best Start Hubs

Northwestern Health Unit

Sponsorship and Donations

Paawidigong First Nations Forum	Gould's Country Wide
Ella Lynn's	Municipality of Sioux Lookout
The Fringe	Dingwall Ford
Dryden Municipal Telephone	The Little Toy Box
Best Western	Wabigoon Lake First Nation
Lake of the Woods Child Development Center	Greg Rickford
Northwest Catholic District School Board	CKDR
Keewatin Patricia District School Board	City of Dryden
Northwestern Health Unit	Q 104
Kenora District Services Board	Roger Valley
Forest Lake Lodge	Four Imprint
Native Reflections	Scholar's Choice Moyer
Quality Classrooms	Supreme Learning
Wintergreen Learning Materials	NUNU Educational Products
Louise Kool & Galt	Lakeview Montessori School
North Words	Ontario Works

Presenters and Presentations

Presenter	Job Title	Organization
Arlene Williams	Family Support Worker	Community Action Program for Children
Cultural Sensitivity Training Bringing awareness to Metis and Aboriginal Teachings, this involves the use of 9 pamphlets from Anishinawbe Health Toronto. Making tobacco ties. Impact of school on Aboriginal and Non-aboriginal children in foster care.		

Presenter(s)	Job Title	Organization
Chris Maltais	Early Literacy Specialist	Lake of the Woods Child Development Centre
Anne Ainsworth	Early Literacy Specialist	
"We've Got You Surrounded" Environmental print is everywhere and helps children form their earliest ideas about letters and words. Join us for an interactive workshop about environmental print and the many different ways it can be incorporated into your program/classroom. Participants will be making activities that can be utilized in their rooms immediately.		

Presenter(s)	Job Title	Organization
Sheelagh Reid	Child and Youth Consultants	Kenora Association for Community Living
Theresa Wilson		
Self Regulation Strategies This presentation will introduce participants to the concept of self regulation. What is self regulation? How do we teach children to self regulate? This workshop will take you through a number of tools and strategies which can be used with young children.		

Presenter(s)	Job Title	Organization
Tammy Zurkan Jill Van Toen	Supervisor Child and Youth Consultant	Kids Zone SMB (KACL) Kenora Association for Community Living
Hand Writing Without Tears -Get Set For School Introduction /overview to “Handwriting Without Tears”. Focusing on ways to enhance children’s school readiness.		

Presenter(s)	Job Title	Organization
George Hogarth Debora Topozini	Best Start Hub Coordinator	Patricia Center for Children and Youth
Going Green Turn your program into an environmental lab and save the Earth at the same time. Educators will be introduced to hands on activities that support “acts of green” in their classroom.		

Presenter(s)	Job Title	Organization
Sheelagh Reid Theresa Wilson	Child and Youth Consultants	Kenora Association for Community Living
Inclusion Learning Through Play This workshop will provide the opportunity for teachers to experience the fun of learning cooperation and respect from others through hands on activities. We’ll put you in the shoes of children and let you experience the fun of working together.		

Presenter	Job Title	Organization
Rikki Burke	Resource Teacher	Municipality of Sioux Lookout Child Care
Story Telling Approaches This workshop will focus on having fun with story telling. Participants will partake in open discussion revolving around 8 specific story telling approaches and tips to capture preschool and school-age audiences. The intent of this experience is to collaborate new ideas and of course have fun.		

Presenter	Job Title	Organization
Laurie Spalding	Aboriginal Resource Worker	Kenora District Services Board
My Story Through stories of personal and professional experience, educators will be given an inside look at First Nation’s customs and values and understanding cultural differences. Educators will leave with a better understanding of First Nation’s perspective.		

Presenter	Job Title	Organization
Sarah Stevenson	Manager of Children’s Programs	Kenora District Services Board
Building Effective Relationships with Families Have you ever been frustrated when providing support to families? This presentation will provide you with strategies that support all families by using effective communication. Using humour and real life experience participants will be enlightened.		

Overall Event Evaluation (50 Completed)**Questions****Out of 5****How would you rate the registration process?****4.8****Comments:** "Having to mail the \$10 check a pain."

One person not registered.

Quick convenient friendly

How would you rate the overall organization of the symposium?**4.7****Comments:** Name Tag Errors

Everything was great.

Sandwiches so/so

Kleenex needed on tables

"If people left to go shopping and were not present they should not have gotten a prize."

Less time needed between presentations.

Nice Displays.

Was the information shared today helpful?**4.8****How would you rate the overall quality of the presentations?****4.7****Comments:** More props/visuals

Great to have our district and community peers as our presenters.

What topics would you like to see presented in the future?

An elder

Sensory Workshop

Autism

FASD/ODD/ADD/ADHC

Coping with behaviours

How to motivate staff?

Visual Learners

Coping with behaviours

Emergent Literacy

Aboriginal Crafts

Dramatic Play

How to deal with parents?

How to improve circle time?

Health and Safety

Allergies

Hands on Activities

Dream Catcher Story

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Implementing music in curriculum

Moss Bag Story

Regalia and Dances

"Adults also have problems coping with the incessant movement of study time.

How do we focus while our students fulfill their need for perpetual motion?

How can teachers and ECEs work together?

What did you like most about today's Symposium?

My Story/ Cultural Sensitivity Presenters

We've Got you Surrounded

Everything was great.

Resources to take home

Networking

Sharing the day with so many passionate people.

Going Green

The energy of Teresa Wilson.

Conference Format the amount of choice in workshops

Cross section of professions and organizations.
Everyone coming together.

Would you be interested in traveling to a District Event in Kenora?

Yes-32

No-4

No response-14

Note: We did not ask the participants where they were from.

Suggestions for 2010

Developing a group Blanket/Banner/Project etc.

More sharing between partners, teachers and ECEs

Mingling activities

More information on services available in the District (Displays)

One volunteer to present next year, Topic: "The Importance of Music in Early Learning Programs"

Considerations for next Event

Presenter host designated to supporting the needs of the presenters and ensuring presenters set up in designated rooms.

There were a lot of catalogues left over.

Attachment 4**6.8.4 Early Learning and Child Care Update**

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE UPDATE
February 17, 2010

At least three child care operators and eight child care programs will be affected by the Early Learning Programs at Evergreen, St. Louis and Pinewood Schools in September 2010

OPERATOR	CHILD CARE PROGRAM	Contact
City of Kenora	Castle of Learning	Teresa Clarke
	Evergreen	Teresa Clarke
Lake of the Woods Child Development Centre	Cameron Bay Children's Centre	Barb Jackson
	Keewatin after school	Barb Jackson
	Lakewood Early Learning	Barb Jackson
City of Dryden	Dryden Child Care	Lynn Carlson
	Pinewood Kid's Connection	Lynn Carlson
	St. Joseph's Best Start	Lynn Carlson

Operators need to start planning for Fall enrollment. Clearer information from the Ministry is needed as soon as possible to make any changes to programs. Our goal is to ensure families have service.

In general child care operators and early childhood educators are confused about the direction of the Best Start vision and need to be more actively involved in its implementation. Sarah has been encouraging the child care sector to contribute to the work of the Network and its committees. Time and budget constraints do interfere with active participation. Our supervisors wear many hats in an effort to reduce costs to families.

Child Care Supervisors reviewed the Day Nursery Act changes at our teleconference February 11th. Although concern was expressed about the slight increase in child/staff ratio recommendations were seen as providing support to centres as they transition to serving only younger ages. The proposed ratios and group sizes were in keeping with recommendations from Dr. Pascal, age groupings in ELECT and ratios utilized in other countries that follow best practices in early learning. The ratios and space and equipment requirements will provide programs the flexibility to adapt their enrollment to meet the child care needs of their community. To ensure quality it will be more important than ever to ensure early childhood educators are providing responsive care and following strategies that promote the development of self-regulation. Ongoing support and training is paramount for the success of these changes. Most early childhood educators in the District are participating in the ELECT teleconference training and are looking forward to the child care conference in April.

Child Care supervisors in the district are participating in a year long Mentoring program supported by the Ministry. It is a wonderful opportunity. Participants are from Dryden, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Bearskin, another Northern community and the Rainy River District.