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Needs Resourcing
Partnership

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Welcome to the second issue of the What's New in Special Needs Resourcing— Early Learning and Care Edition E-newsletter!

I trust you enjoyed the first issue and I encourage you to share it with your colleagues!

This month features information on the Child Care Special Needs Resourcing Partnership (CCSNRP), SNAP Fast Facts, identifying special needs, as well as information on upcoming professional development and links to research in our field.

New Since Last Month!!

I am happy to report that the CCSNRP consent to release information form and accompanying process for obtaining consent have now been translated into French! Copies have been sent to our regional Francophone centres and will also be available on the SNAP website- www.ccsnap.com



The Childcare Special Needs Resourcing Partnership

(CCSNRP) is a partnership of seven agencies (listed in the side panel) funded by the Region of Waterloo Children's Services Division to provide services for children 0-6 with special needs to attend licensed child care settings in Waterloo Region. Many services are available including education and training for child care staff and parents, consultation and monitoring by a Resource Consultant or specialized professional, additional classroom support for children with complex needs and developmental assessments to support planning in the child care program.

SNAP Fast Facts

DID YOU KNOW...

- Referrals for speech and language services are the most common requests for service?
- Childcare programs make the most referrals to Childcare SNAP? (75% of referrals in 2008 from child care programs)

For more information on the Child Care Special Needs Resourcing Partnership or to make a referral to the Child Care Special Needs Access Point please contact:

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Information on Identifying Special Needs

Do you have questions about when to make a referral? A good mantra should be “**refer at the FIRST sign, not the SURE sign**”. Early intervention is crucial! Trust your child development knowledge!

The Nipissing District Developmental Screen (NDDS) is an innovative developmental screening tool available for children infant to 6 years. It explores the child's skills in the areas of vision, hearing, speech, language, communication, gross motor, fine motor, cognitive, social/emotional and self-help. It is easy to administer by parents or ECEs, and is available in several languages. For more information, visit the website—www.ndds.ca

Not sure how to approach a parent about a concern?

The workshop **Teaming Up and Talking with Parents—Discussing Difficult Issues** has recently been revised and is available for delivery in your program. Given by Joan Wagner and now Sabrina Fiori, SLP at KidsAbility, the goal of the workshop is to give strategies about approaching parents and having difficult conversations. Contact Joan at 519-741-0076 for more information or to book the workshop.

Upcoming Professional Development Events

- **It is Easy Being Green!**
Home Childcare Conference
March 7/09 at 150 Frederick St., Kitchener-
contact Region of Waterloo-
Home Child Care at 519-886-2200
- **ECE— Where it All Begins**
conference for ECEs
March 20 and 21st at Conestoga College
- **Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scales-Revised— ITERS R Booster Session** training at Conestoga College
Doon Campus
April 7/09 from 6:00-8:00 PM
For information contact
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Current Research- Links

- **The Epidemic that Wasn't**-followed children exposed to cocaine before birth and found the effects are less severe than those of alcohol, and comparable to those of tobacco
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/27/health/27coca.html>
- **From Genes to Child Care**-top 10 studies on early child development for 2007 for the Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development (CEECD) in collaboration with the Strategic Knowledge Cluster on Early Childhood Development
<http://www.excellence-earlychildhood.ca/documents/BulletinVol17No2Dec08ANG.pdf>