



LICENSED CHILD CARE NETWORK MEETING

(Virtual & In Person @ Childreach)

Jan. 30, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

Land acknowledgement

1. MUNICIPAL & PROVINCIAL UPDATES – ANNE RAE, KELLY SMITH

London:

- Welcome Shirley 😊
- OneHSN training: Feb. 15, Feb. 21, Feb. 28.
- Thank you, thank you for emerging issues turn around and busy timing of reporting.
- Updating and making consistent our communications moving forward using standard templates for administrative policies and procedures.
 - Consistent format
 - Version dating
 - Tracking of translations
- The City of London is updating its Children's Services Portal to support safe and secure communications about families for fee subsidy account on January 1, 2024.
- By creating an account on the Children's Services Portal families will be able to:
 - safely and securely upload their personal documents,
 - communicate with their Community Support Associate (CSA), and
 - make changes to their account including contact and address information.
- We apologize again for the delayed monthly payments for February and are working with our finance department to minimize or eliminate the possibility of it happening in the future.

Middlesex:

- We don't have the portal account for Middlesex so its status quo for Middlesex families.
- Thank you again for meeting the deadlines as its extremely busy.
 - If you have any struggles with meeting deadlines, please let us know.

2. MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE – NICOLE BLANCHETTE

- Campaign launched Jan. 4th – TikTok, Instagram, Bus shelters etc.
- 20 video clips, 14 in English, 6 in French.
- TBK does the tracking of engagement of the videos and website.
 - Within the first 5 days, 13,000 views.



- Possibly have each agency's contact information on <http://www.bigimpaceceec.ca/> – website and email address.
- Will be released through the city and county's website.
- Posters will be posted at all the child care centres and all the high schools in TVDSB and LDCSB.

3. ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE – NIKKI NOURSE, JENNIFER MILLER

- First efforts will be focused on immigration/international students/graduates.
- We have a lot of students that work for us but are unable to get permanent residency and thus leaving to other provinces (B.C., Nova Scotia) that have dedicated streams to permanent residency.
- We are taking this initiative on to understand it and to advocate for these individuals so they can stay in the province.
- Currently doing research, working with Fanshawe graduate and will be doing a presentation at the next LCCN meeting.
- Teresa Armstrong MPP, will be meeting with these students and will be hearing their presentation.
- Survey with Fanshawe students in the ECE program and what their plans are post graduation to get some data,
- Recent announcement of limiting international students so we must keep an eye on the field and advocate/support them.
- Please reach out if you have information, testimonials to:
 - nnurse@londonbridge.com
 - Jennifer.miller@sjhc.london.on.ca

4. SCHOOL BOARD UPDATES – AMANDA BENTON, HOLLY GERRITS, ANN LAMBERT

LDCSB:

- Still seeking a provider for the northeast child care centre that will be finished within 2026.
- Expression of interest for the JPll location is still live to February.
 - Not a commitment to opening a centre there, just stating that you might be interested in the opportunity.
- Kindergarten registration in full swing.
- Great partnership with our family centres in London to offer some “VIP” Playgroups, for families who are new to kindergarten in September and these families are being invited just for that school.
 - Children are having anxiety issues in coming to school.
 - Possibly not having the socialization opportunities:
 - Could be COVID related but also the waitlist for child care, so children that normally would have had the opportunity to be in child care are not having that opportunity.



TVDSB:

- Following the ECE Recruitment campaign, we had the opportunity to meet with the systems principal that oversees the guidance counsellor at TVDSB. She is thrilled to support the career path of ECE.
 - We have arranged an in-person meeting Feb. 29th to meet all the guidance counsellors to promote the ECE career path.
 - This is the first year we have a formal connection with guidance counsellors, so this is really exciting.
- Kindergarten registration information session hosted virtually.
 - We had 323 families join this year, whereas last year we had 205.
 - We did a tour of a typical kindergarten classroom looks like,
 - Safe entry/dismissal
 - How families can support their child in the transition to kindergarten
 - ECE relationship
- Call for submission for a child care operator at a new northwest school, 1km from Sir Arthur Currie (which is capped for enrollment) and a new southwest school as well.
 - Information session for operators that are interested in submitting an RFP.
 - Feb. 29th 4-5:30pm (virtual). Please register and we will send a direct link.
 - This will offer an overview of the site plans/floor plans, lease agreement, cost associated, and the significant funding that has been provided by the provincial government in supporting the start-up fees for furniture and equipment.
 - Attending does not mean you are committing to submitting an RFP.
 - We will be posting the call for submission on March 4th.
 - The criteria would be that you have a commitment with the municipality to providing subsidy within the agreement.

CSC Providence:

- Kindergarten registration is ongoing, open house on Jan. 18th
- Mini Départ program, offer future students from now until September opportunities to come and visit the school and participate in enriching experiences.
 - Start in May-June
 - Students will come for 2 hrs every day for a week without their parents.
 - Mini Camp in August – where the students will come for half days for a week.
 - We do have post cards with QR codes with direct links to register, if anyone would like postcards please contact Rachelle Morissette: morirach@cscprovidence.ca

5. FANSHAWE COLLEGE UPDATE – JANET FOSTER

- December – 95 graduates for fall 2023
- This semester we have 105 first year students
 - 71 are international students, 34 are domestic students
 - With the recent announcement, this will impact our programs
- Programs are all full, so we are graduating them but its what happens after graduation.



- Open house March 23rd – usually waitlisted before the open house
- We do have a cap for international students vs domestic students per program. With the new announcement, domestic number will rise.

6. ALL KIDS BELONG UPDATE – LEE-ANNE CROSS

As we head into 2024, it's nice to look back at what we accomplished together in 2023. AKB served a total of 825 children in 2023. At any given time in 2023, we were actively serving almost 500 children. It was a busy year, and 2024 is shaping up to be equally busy!

Our newsletter has just been distributed; this issue focuses on transition to school and offers lots of information and helpful tips. Friendly reminder: if you have concerns about children who are not currently on AKB caseloads who will be transitioning to school in September, and you think AKB support will be required, please let us know soon. We typically won't pick up referrals past March because there's not enough time for us to get to know the child in time to assist with transition.

Our Mindfulness Project funded by the Community Services Recovery Fund starts tomorrow. The kits have been delivered, the zoom link and handouts have been sent. We're still working on the French version because we are having some difficulty in locating appropriate books; stay tuned! We're excited to launch this project, and we encourage you to keep in touch as the sessions roll out.

7. STRIVE UPDATE – KAYLA BARTLETT

- In the midst of transition with staff.
- We just finished strategic planning, will be shared within the coming weeks.
- Submission box on the website if you have any ideas for professional learning opportunities.

<https://www.striveswo.ca/events>

- **FOOD NEUTRALITY IN EARLY YEARS (Elgin County offering)**
 - Tuesday, January 30
 - 6:30 – 8:00 PM
 - Via Zoom
 - Lots of demand for a London-Middlesex offering so we are partnering with the health unit to put something together for Spring. Stay tuned for details.
- **COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE: COOKS AND DIETARY PLANNERS**
 - Wednesday, January 31, 2024
 - 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
 - Zoom
- **PROVOCATIONS, INVITATIONS, AND CHILD LED PLAY**
 - Thursday, February 1, 2024
 - 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.



- Strive
- **PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR SUPPORTING GENDER DIVERSE KIDS WITH MELA SWAYZE**
 - Tuesday, February 6, 2024
 - 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
 - Zoom
- **STRESS AND BURNOUT RECOVERY SERIES WITH MINAA B.**
 - Tuesday, February 13
 - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
 - Via ZOOM
- **COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE: LEADERSHIP**
 - Thursday, February 15, 2024
 - 2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
 - Hybrid (Zoom and Strive)
- **CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING (CPL) SUPPORT NETWORK**
 - Wednesday, February 21, 2024
 - 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
 - Strive / Hybrid
- **WINTER RETHINK 2024 (SOLD OUT) Can be added to the waitlist.**
 - Saturday, February 24, 2024
 - 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
 - Four Points by Sheraton
 - 1150 Wellington Road, London, ON, N6E 1M3
- **MAKING CENTS OF YOUR FOOD BUDGET**
 - Thursday, March 7, 2024
 - 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
 - Zoom

8. INFORMATION SHARING

- **London Bridge is hosting a study tour June 6-8**
 - Early bird registration until Feb. 28th
 - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/london-bridge-2024-study-tour-tickets-808001463127?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>
 - 100 people registered already, only 175 spaces.
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Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, at 9:30am.