

Welcome to Kindergarten

Supporting Children and Families

- **We work with our community partners to improve outcomes for children and families**



Why?

- Provides community partners with the opportunity to develop positive relationships with schools and build awareness of their family support programs
- Provides parents and school staff with the opportunity to learn more about programs and support available in the community



What:

- A community partner represents the early years service system at an Open House (Welcome to Kindergarten Event) attended by children and families
- Resources identified by Early Years Service Providers are handed out to families
- Community partner engages with families to answer questions about supports/services

Process

- **Confirm date with school**
- **Determine format of the event (classroom activities, open house, whole group presentation)**
- **Ask for a table and an area to set up where you can most easily access families**
- **Call back closer to the date to confirm registration numbers**

Process (cont'd)

- Report numbers to Margaret Fancy
- Make arrangements to pick up resources
- Before event review resources and agencies
- Attend event
- Record any questions/comments from families that you might not be able answer

Process (cont'd)

- If opportunity presents itself talk to school staff to determine any issues/trends
- Return unused resources

Resources

- **Age 4 NDDS (stages of development)**
- **Triple P Notepads and Play dough (parenting support)**
- **Language Express pamphlets**
- **Family Resource Guides**
- **ABC Booklets**

Additional Information

- If you are unable to attend on date of session please arrange trade with another community partner (and notify keeper of master list.)

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Lunch and Learns

- • Constable Cathy Lindsay (now retired) Community Services & Media Relations
- • Tammy Hulbery, recreation Coordinator for the NG Municipality
- • Debbie Whatt, Ed with Beth Donovan Hospice
- • Samantha Kutowy, Ontario Parenting Connection
- • Ecole catholique Ste-Marguerite-Bourgeoys
- • Lanark Community Programs
- • YOU
- • Distress Centre, LLG
- • Grief Counselling, Beth Donovan Hospice
- • Kemptville Youth Centre
- • Girls Inc. Volunteer Bureau of Leeds & Grenville
- • Public Health Nurses, HBHC, Baby Talk, Prenatal Classes and Sexual Health Clinics
- • DAC with UCLG - EDI
- • Stephanie Brazeau, CINOT and Healthy Smiles Ontario
- • Anne Longtin, Family Support and Public Education, LLGAMH
- • Library Sue - Getting Ready for Kindergarten program
- • Josee Bedard, Conseil des ecoles publiques de l'Est l'Ontaio
- Midwifery
- Autism Services
- Anxiety in young children
- Play -
- Look See - changes to developmental screening tools
- Sharing Sensitive News
- ICE - SLPC
- FCS - service delivery model
- Guthrie House

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