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The Early Childhood Community Development Centre (ECCDC) is a key part of the reason why Niagara is one of Canada's top communities for early learning and child care. We're a non-profit, charitable organization that makes it easier and less expensive for early learning and care programs to obtain the highly specialized products, services, training, and technologies they need to offer families truly outstanding early childhood education experiences.

In short, the ECCDC helps early learning and care professionals in Niagara and beyond be at their best... every day.



**everything you
need to deliver
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Everything you need, all under one roof

The ECCDC's members and friends include licensed child care programs and home child care agencies, informal home child care providers, kindergarten teachers, homeschoolers and community groups, organizations, businesses, and parents. The ECCDC can help if you require access to any or all of the following:

Professional development for ECEs, teachers and other early learning and care professionals

If your goals include enhancing your effectiveness, increasing your professional knowledge, boosting your motivation level, or growing your network of professional contacts, you can count on the ECCDC to make the most of your valuable time. We not only offer specialized training for ECEs, teachers, managers, supervisors, administrators and home-based caregivers. We can deliver customized sessions on your premises for your entire staff.

Curriculum aids and developmentally appropriate toys, games, and activities

Keeping the learning environment rich with unique and engaging educational materials is easy when you're a member of the ECCDC. Our lending library offers more than 3000 toys, games, and activities that you can borrow one day and integrate into your daily program plan the next. All of our lending library items are designed for use by a range of ages and abilities and have been selected to stimulate children's imaginations, language, and cognitive development and advance their self-help skills and social and emotional growth. Delight them with living habitats complete with butterflies, chicks, or lady bugs; a kid-sized telephone booth that looks just like the real thing; a lemonade stand for budding entrepreneurs, or all of the dramatic play gear needed for a backyard barbecue. Using the ECCDC's lending library means you can be sure you're delivering meaningful experiences that promote a lifelong love of learning and set the stage for children's success. It also means you save time and money, since the ECCDC takes care of the repairs, maintenance, and cleaning. We even do special orders upon request, so if ever there's a learning resource you'd like to use and it isn't part of our collection, please tell us. And don't forget, if you call ahead, we can have your library items ready for pick-up at the time you specify.

Information about choosing child care

A child care provider's best and most loyal customer is a well-informed parent. If parents have general questions about child care, you may refer them to eccdc.org for tips and checklists on how to choose it and what to look for.

Marketing and business growth opportunities for your child care program

Whether you run a licensed child care centre or care for children in your home, the Child Care Choices registry at eccdc.org is an easy, convenient, and cost effective way to promote your service to families who need it. It even offers special privacy and security options for home-based caregivers.

Strategies to enhance your learning environment and premises

Just because your early learning and care program isn't located in a specially designed, kid-friendly building doesn't mean that you can't create a wonderful, welcoming space for the families you serve. With special training from Harvard Design School, the ECCDC's resource development team is uniquely qualified to show you what a big difference small, affordable changes can make to the overall atmosphere of your program.

Program planning ideas for children of all ages

Instead of wracking your brain to come up with exciting new learning experiences for the children in your programs, simply stop in, call, or e-mail the ECCDC with the themes, classroom topics, or concepts you'd like to cover. Our experts will take it from there, pulling together exactly the right resources and getting them ready for pick-up. We'll even include suggestion sheets about how to use the items and tips you can share with parents to reinforce the learning process at home.

Affordable access to die-press machines, shape cutters and other specialized equipment

The inspiring, resource-rich surroundings and knowledgeable staff of the ECCDC workroom make it easy for you to develop engaging, play-based learning experiences for the children in your program or classroom. Whether you stop by for a few minutes or bring along a colleague and make an evening of it, you won't find a better selection of die-press shapes or specialty papers anywhere. We also offer access to laminators, colour photocopier & printer, button-makers and a host of other equipment items.

Savings on supplies

The ECCDC group purchasing program saves you money in two ways. First of all, you shop by phone or online so you can arrange to buy a variety of supplies in one stop. Your order is then combined with others so you receive bulk pricing from trusted vendors. The range of products available through this program is continually growing. Please call for details.

Consulting services for your early learning and care program

With more than a century of combined early learning management and development experience, the ECCDC consulting team can help you get to the heart of the matter and reach strategic solutions faster than you could on your own. Along with offering practical solutions, we assist with the development of your team and processes so that you're better equipped to tackle future challenges. From the facilitation of key meetings to the development of plans to tips on communicating key changes to staff, you can count on the ECCDC to handle your situation with absolute confidentiality and professionalism.

Computer technical support and software training

The effective use of technology is essential to keeping your operating costs down, and to offering families and funders current, accurate information about the services children have received. No matter where you bought your computers or what kind of software you have, the ECCDC's information technology specialists can teach your staff how to use them, and can offer suggestions concerning common upgrades, repairs, and security issues.

Business process improvements that save you time and money

Are there aspects of your administration that take too much time, are too expensive, or just don't work very well? If so, the ECCDC can help by reviewing the processes in question, suggesting alternatives, and working with you to implement a solution based on the best practices of the child care industry.

Conference planning, registration, and marketing services

The ECCDC has planned and executed events and conferences of all sizes for organizations operating in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. In addition to developing the written materials and marketing the event, the ECCDC will oversee the facility, speaker, trade show, and financial management arrangements, so you don't have to. We'll help you develop and implement a plan for attracting media attention and encouraging

the participation of public officials, sponsors, and suppliers. We'll even staff the registration table on the day of the event. Add to that our in-house capacity to deliver high quality printed materials, e-mail, and direct mail promotional campaigns, and our investment in all of the systems required to streamline the conference registration and payment processes, and you've got a recipe for event success that you simply won't find anywhere else.

Opportunities to review new products and services... and win valuable prizes

Companies or governments that need feedback from early learning care professionals about specific products, services, or policy proposals often contact the ECCDC about coordinating community forums, focus group sessions, telephone surveys, and web-based polls. While we may use contests and incentives to encourage participation, the ECCDC always takes special measures to safeguard the integrity of the feedback process itself, so everyone can have confidence in the accuracy of the results.

There's an ECCDC membership that's right for you

Joining the ECCDC is easy and affordable. In fact, single memberships start at just pennies a day and include great benefits such as unlimited access to the specialized members' workroom, resource lending library, curriculum kits, and supplier discounts. Program memberships include all of the above, as well as an annual customized training and resource analysis, annual quality indicators report, use of the ECCDC meeting room for staff and board meetings, exclusive use of the workroom on Wednesday evenings, access to the Members Only area of eccdc.org, and use of the die-press machines on your premises for up to a week at a time.

It has never been easier, or more fun, to provide truly outstanding early learning and care

More families need early learning care than ever before. And, more of them have come to appreciate the value of early childhood education. An ECCDC membership not only makes it easier and less expensive for you to deliver truly outstanding service, it tells parents you've invested in the best teaching tools, you keep your skills current, and you're a valuable member of Niagara's early learning and care community.

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