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## Staffing Communique from the Early Childhood Community Development Centre: **Exciting News from the Quality Child Care Niagara Team**



**Priyanka Tan**, RECE, EC MACTE Accredited  
Quality Child Care Niagara Coordinator

The ECCDC and Quality Child Care Niagara Team are thrilled to announce the hiring of Priyanka Tan to the position of Quality Child Care Niagara Coordinator. Priyanka brings a background of diverse experiences to her role to support the varied curriculum and pedagogy needs of Niagara's licensed child care programs.

Priyanka joins the ECCDC from Beyond Montessori School where she was employed as Supervisor since 2015. Before that time Priyanka was a Registered Early Childhood Educator and Montessori Directress beginning in 2011. Previous to the Montessori environment, Priyanka worked as a Youth Host Programmer with the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre and as a Preschool and Kindergarten Teacher in Osaka, Japan.

Priyanka holds an Early Childhood Education Diploma from Niagara College. She also has designation as an Early Childhood MACTE accredited Montessori Teacher and holds a Montessori Classroom Assistant Certification from Montessori Teachers College in Toronto. To enhance and broaden her experience, Priyanka volunteered for the Habitat for Humanity in the Philippines, YMCA Osaka Japan, Intensive English Language Program Conversation Partner at Brock University, and various licensed child care centres.

Priyanka is very pleased to be joining the ECCDC Team in this role as she is enthusiastic and passionate about Quality Child Care Niagara and looks forward to the opportunity of providing ongoing support and training to local programs in implementing the various components. Priyanka is excited to develop new relationships with Niagara's licensed child care programs and the Quality Child Care Niagara Advisory Committee.

The hiring of Priyanka Tan allows Patricia Couroux to take an active role in leading the ECCDC's Coaching and Mentoring Services. Patricia will continue to support the QCCN Team in orienting Priyanka in becoming acquainted with all of the facets of QCCN Visits and in delivery of the QCCN Institutes. So you will still be seeing Patricia involved directly with QCCN over the next several months. Behind the scenes Patricia will be working diligently to ensure ongoing alignment between Quality Child Care Niagara and the Coaching and Mentoring Services offered through the ECCDC. This new role will provide Patricia with greater opportunity to support programs on a deeper level to ensure Niagara's licensed child care programs are afforded the most effective program support and training opportunities possible. Patricia is looking forward to the transition in order to continue on the journey with educators co-learning together to support Niagara's children and families.

Congratulations to Patricia Couroux with this exciting transition! The ECCDC's Executive Director, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, extends her deep appreciation to Patricia for her dedicated work in leading Quality Child Care Niagara in new and exciting directions over the past four years.

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Quality Child Care Niagara will continue to benefit from Natalie Lane's conscientious and kind support. Natalie has been a valued member of the ECCDC Team over the past two years and has developed trusting and respectful relationships with Niagara's licensed child care community to support them in their journey of implementing QCCN. Natalie recognizes programs and their growth and works diligently in fostering and encouraging new perspectives related to quality environments. Natalie looks forward to working with Priyanka over the coming months in strengthening and growing the Quality Child Care Niagara Team. In supporting the components of Quality Child Care Niagara, Natalie is most inspired by the many ways programs have implemented the QCCN tools to support the growth and development of children and educators through reflective practice and a consistent approach to quality.



**Patricia Couroux, RECE**

ECCDC Coaching and Mentoring Services Coordinator

Patricia is a Registered Early Childhood Educator who has worked in the field of Early Childhood Education for twenty-five years, including eleven years as Supervisor of Niagara Nursery School & Child Care Centre. Patricia has worked as a Quality Child Care Niagara (QCCN) Trainer since 2007 and also volunteered on the Quality Child Care Niagara Advisory Committee. She has both a comprehensive knowledge of Niagara's early learning and child care community and a true passion for designing exceptional learning experiences and high quality environments for Niagara's children.

Patricia currently serves on the Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Committee and the Niagara Children's Planning Council. She was also involved in Mentoring Pairs for Child Care and was selected as one of 25 participants from across Ontario for the College of Early Childhood Educators Leadership Pilot Project.



**Natalie Lane, RECE, EPI**

Quality Child Care Niagara Program Consultant

In the position of Early Learning and Child Care Program Consultant is Natalie Lane, RECE, EPE-I. In her role, Natalie will support early years sites within Coaching and Mentoring Services, Quality Child Care Niagara and training services. She will also be responsible for facilitating training sessions related to quality pedagogy and curriculum practices. Natalie has enjoyed a 7 year career in early learning and child care in a variety of positions. Some of these positions include working directly with children, supervisory roles working as a leader on early learning and child care teams, partaking in literacy programs offered to parents through Speech Services Niagara as well as hosting small information sessions amongst other leaders in child care settings. Natalie had the opportunity to work directly with individuals from Collège Boréal involved in the Early Childhood Education program offered in French at Niagara College. She took part in teaching adults in a classroom setting the foundations of "Observation, Documentation, and Implementation" for early learning programs.

**The ECCDC extends appreciation to Niagara Region Children's Services** for the privilege of coordinating Quality Child Care Niagara and for their ongoing support and advisement ensuring Quality Child Care Niagara is most effectively delivered to Niagara's licensed child care programs.