

Are you a leader in early learning and child caredo you know one?

*In the face of many issues affecting early learning,
there are countless opportunities to be a leader –
to make a difference in the lives of children,
to increase collaboration among stakeholders,
to build a sense of community among those who share your interest in the field.*

The Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCCF) is looking for leaders in early learning to participate in a mentoring project in your province. Working with the Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association (SECA) and the Alberta Child Care Association we are seeking applicants for two provincial **Early Learning Leaders Caucuses** (ELLC) – one in each province.

The goal is to build the capacity of the early learning community in Saskatchewan and Alberta to participate more fully with various provincial and national early learning organizations in the public policy process.

Over the next three years, there will be **nine free training/professional development sessions** on topics that have been identified by you and the other leaders as a group. The skills learned will assist with your abilities to lead the early learning and child care dialogue in your province. There is a time commitment required by leaders to participate in three training sessions (some online, some face to face) per year for three years.

How to become involved?

You can:

- apply yourself
- encourage another candidate by forwarding this form to them
- suggest a person by forwarding their contact information to Robin McMillan (rmcmillan@cccf-fcsge.ca)

Criteria for Selection

Candidates are invited to submit a one page (500 word maximum) application essay that outlines their long term career goals as well as demonstrates the key attributes, essential qualifications and experience listed below. If appropriate, candidates may include a recent curriculum vitae with their application essay.

Key Attributes of Early Learning Leaders

The ability or desire to:

- challenge the status quo,
- inspire a shared vision,
- empower others,
- model leadership qualities,
- learn and work with others.

Essential Qualifications/Experience of Early Learning Leaders

- must be a present member of SECA/CCCCF, ACCA/CCCCF
- must play an active in local, regional or provincial early learning groups and initiatives,
- must have basic computer knowledge and regular access to a computer

Please forward all submission essays, including proof of membership in ACCA, SECA or CCCC for consideration to Robin McMillan, Senior Consultant, Canadian Child Care Federation via email: rmcmillan@cccf-fcsge.ca by February 26, 2010.