



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN GOTOMEETING CONFERENCE CALL
OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS
TRAINING GAPS ANALYSIS SESSION

The Child Care Human Resources Sector Council (CCHRSC) recently updated the Occupational Standards for the Early Childhood Educator. The first occupational standards known as the “Occupational Standards for Child Care Practitioners” were developed by the Canadian Child Care Federation in 2003. Since these standards were first established, the sector has evolved. As a result, the Occupational Standards were updated to ensure that they accurately reflect the full scope of the role of Early Childhood Educators (ECEs).

In updating the Occupational Standards, some new tasks and responsibilities required of Early Childhood Educators were identified. More specifically, areas such as school age, cultural and social inclusion and infant care have become increasingly prominent. As these tasks have been identified as being significant to the work of Early Childhood Educators, it is important that ECE training and education address these areas to fully prepare those working within the profession. In order to determine if the perception of the training gaps and needs is consistent with the perceptions of front line workers, the CCHRSC will be conducting a training gap analysis.

To conduct this training gap analysis, the project research team completed three activities. The first was to examine current curricula from several academic institutions from across the country to determine if the new tasks identified in the standards are being covered in current ECE education and training and to assess if any gaps exist. Next, a literature review was conducted followed by an online survey of trainers and provincial/territorial leaders regarding training needs. The results of these activities were then summarized.

In order to confirm these findings, we would like to **invite you to participate in one of three conference call consultation sessions to discuss potential gaps in education and training.** Half-day consultation sessions are being conducted across the country and online with your fellow trainers and provincial/territorial leaders to validate the findings of the research and to prioritize the top five training gaps.

Half-day conference call consultations will be held on the following dates and times:

1. **CALL # 1 – TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010 – 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM EASTERN TIME**
2. **CALL # 2 – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010 12:30 PM– 3:30 PM EASTERN TIME**
3. **CALL # 3 – THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010 – 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM EASTERN TIME**

These GoToMeeting conference calls will unite participants with a shared computer screen so all can visualize the discussion as well as listen on the telephone.

**** PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A MAXIMUM OF 14 PARTICIPANTS PER CALL. REGISTRATION WILL BE CLOSED AFTER THE FIRST 14 PARTICIPANTS CONFIRM VIA EMAIL TO:**

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**** BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR EMAIL:**

1. INDICATE THE CALL YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN BY CALL NUMBER (ie. CALL # 1)
2. NAME
3. ORGANIZATION
4. TITLE
5. ADDRESS
6. TELEPHONE
7. EMAIL

Once this information is received, you will receive a reply email with the GoToMeeting call in numbers and passcodes you will require for the call.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this initiative we look forward to working with you.