

UEY Nationally

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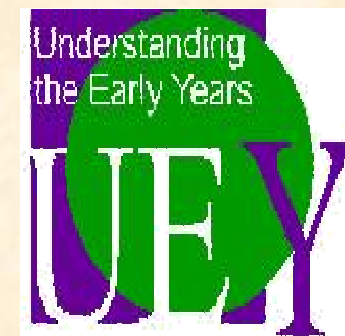
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Local Achievements



**Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Manager -
Children's Services, Niagara Region**

*Used research to assist with site
planning and selection*



Local Achievements

**Christine Graham,
NCDSB Program Officer –
Early Years to Gr. 12**

*Used findings, in conjunction
with own research,
for programming and
resource allocation purposes,
and to plan
professional development*



Local Achievements



**Kathy Thompson,
DSBN Consultant -
Early Years / Staff Development**



- 1. Increased educator awareness regarding the importance of the early years in setting trajectories for learning, health and behaviour*
- 2. Provided of direction for professional development*
- 3. Information to support decision-making re placement of child care programs within schools*

What's next for UEY Niagara Falls?

Heightened Phase 2 Activities

- Updated 2005 maps, in partnership with Regional Niagara Public Health Department, that will link EDI results with community resources and factors (overall and for each neighbourhood).

Anticipate new local insights ☺

- Community reports and presentations on final Niagara Falls research data available mid-April through early 2007
- Cross-sectoral community engagement and action planning through early 2007

Niagara Falls Wrap-up

- UEY Knowledge Action Plan available in April 2007

We are also pleased to announce...

the launch of UEY Niagara Region Project!!

Phase 1

- Research already underway; 200+ SK teachers collecting EDI data across Niagara

Thank you School Boards and SK teachers !!

- Community Resource Inventory Survey just beginning

Thank you Niagara Region, Children's Services Department and Data Analysis Coordinator, Sandra Noel !!

Dialogue / Q&A

Using the dialogue sheet found at your table, please consider, discuss & record strategic insights and ideas in response to the following 8 questions:

1. Do you agree that Elgin, Stamford, Westlane and Drummond/Victoria are priority neighbourhoods in Niagara Falls? Why or why not?
2. What factors do you think are influencing these neighbourhood results?
3. What might be contributing to weakness in Emotional Maturity and Communication & General Knowledge (*effective use of English language, understanding what is being said on first try, communicating needs in an understandable way and answering questions showing knowledge about the world*)?
4. What ideas do you have for addressing needs of Niagara Falls' children around pro-social and helping behaviours, hyperactivity and inattention, gross and fine motor skills, interest in literacy, numeracy and memory, and advanced literacy?
5. How can UEY best support children, parents, the region, its municipalities and neighbourhoods along with community groups and the education and social service system in addressing need and achieving better outcomes?
6. What existing groups or initiatives might benefit from UEY research and support?
7. What additional, related research questions do you wish UEY could address?
8. Please indicate your desire to receive updates on UEY research results and activities or your interest in booking a presentation by printing your name in the area indicated...

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Contact Information

For further information regarding **how the results will be shared and used in the community** or to **book a presentation** contact:

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Special Thanks...

If you'd like to show your staff, volunteers, members, Board or committee the benefits of an ECCDC Resource Library membership, please feel free to take a centre-piece!

Table centre-pieces made by ECCDC Resource Library staff and ECE students:

👍 **Kristen Young** – Cards 👍 **Jennifer Ukroenz** – Pyramids

👍 **Chelsea Juhlke** – Carousel 👍 **Erin Gettler** - Baskets

👍 **Jessie Siciliano** – Train

*All but one of these young women are here – please stand so we can properly
Thank You!!*

*Before the Forum, they distributed 5 stickers throughout the room for which they
have lovely door prizes they'll deliver!*

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SEATS AND GOOD LUCK!

Thank you!



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