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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Together we can help Niagara Falls plan 'A Community Fit For Children'

In response to feedback from last November's presentation, the Niagara Falls Public Library and the Early Childhood Community Development Centre's Understanding the Early Years (UEY) project have partnered and are pleased to announce three upcoming community action planning meetings!

These follow-up sessions are intended to provide an opportunity for the Niagara Falls' community to:

- more thoroughly consider UEY information (i.e. overlay transparent neighbourhood maps, ask questions, discuss full mapping report);
- bring, share and consider findings from other community sources and research studies:
- network and collaborate with others on how to best use the community knowledge to improve outcomes for children 0-6 and their parents/caregivers;
- learn about and build upon the successes and best practices of community partners;
- support those responsible for programs/services in their decision-making and planning efforts; and
- encourage attendees to take leadership and responsibility for action in areas of interest/need.

Individuals registered for these meetings will receive the soon-to-be-released Niagara Falls Community Mapping Study Report in a format of their choice. There are three sessions to select from:

- 1. Tuesday February 27 9:30-11:30am @ Victoria Avenue Library;
- 2. Tuesday February 27 6:00-7:30pm @ Chippawa Branch Library; or
- 3. Thursday March 1 1:30-3:30pm @ MacBain Community Centre (in the meeting room beside the Library)

Media are invited to attend. Please contact Glory Ressler at 905-646-7311 ext 319 or email <a href="mailto:gressler@eccdc.org">gressler@eccdc.org</a> about registering or to learn more information about the presentation.