

## Child Development Resource Connection Peel

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### CDRCP is looking for individuals to staff the Resource Centre and Information Lines

It is imperative that candidates have an extensive experience in Early Childhood development, strong computer, organizational and communication skills, knowledge of the community, ability to work with diverse groups are necessary for both of these positions.

**Resource Librarian** is responsible for the overall maintenance of the resource centre and for providing input into the development of resources in response to members needs and will be working during the day, evening, and some Saturdays. **Information Line Relief Workers** provide information on characteristics of quality child care, types of subsidy information, services for children, families, and people with developmental disabilities and will work as needed.

**Please email resume and cover letter to Lori Layden. Indicate on the cover letter which position you are applying for and send to [lori@cdrcp.com](mailto:lori@cdrcp.com).**

### Your Are Your Child's Best Toy

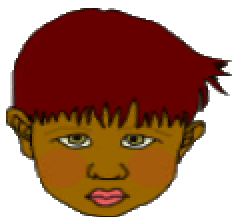
Working with children, you already know that play is a very important part of their development. Peel Health wants to make sure that parents understand the value of play in children's learning and recommend parents play with their child every day. In an effort to communicate the importance of play, Peel Health developed a campaign titled 'You Are Your Child's Best Toy' using images of parents and children playing together. You may have seen images whizzing by on the back of a bus, at the GO station, on billboards or in your water bill, with the following captions;

'My Mom is a Sculptor'; 'My Dad is a Dance Teacher'  
'My Mom is a Copy Cat' and "My Dad is a Comedian'

Working closely with families, many parents look to you for advice and support on how to be the best parent they can be. Here's how you as a Child Care Provider can help to promote the importance of play?

- Talk to parents about the value of children's play. It 'builds brains'!
- Tell parents about the kind of play activities their children enjoy while in your care.
- Give parents concrete ideas on how to build play into everyday activities, the same way you do when you are working with children. Our Campaign posters provide excellent examples of how to make that happen.
- Call Health Line Peel to order **Campaign Posters** or pamphlets about play or other health topics to give to families in your centre or home child care setting.

**Health Line Peel 905-799-7700 - Call for all your health questions.**



### A Thank you to some organizations who have supported CDRCP through donations

Caring for Kids Child Care

Costco

Eden Day Care

Hasbro Canada

PLASP Child Care Services

Sir Joseph Flavelle Foundation

If you would like to make a donation please contact Lexi at 905-507-9360 or [lexi@cdrcp.com](mailto:lexi@cdrcp.com)

## **Early Childhood**

### **Websites**

#### Education World

offers information that is useful for parents, teachers and child care providers.

[http://www.education-world.com/a\\_curr/curr343.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_curr/curr343.shtml)

The Childcare Resource and Research Unit focuses on early childhood care and education research and policy.

<http://www.childcarecanada.org/>

Internet journal on the development, care, and education of young children

<http://ecrp.uiuc.edu/>

Human Resources Development Canada newsletter

<http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/sp-ps/arb-dgra/publications/nlscy/nlscye.shtml>

When in this site, go to *Reading and Resources* and you can read the *You Bet I Care* Report  
<http://www.worklifecanada.ca/>

You can find publications to read and purchase on this site

[http://www.cccf-fcsgc.ca/publications/interaction\\_en.htm](http://www.cccf-fcsgc.ca/publications/interaction_en.htm)



## **Upcoming Conferences and Trade Shows**

### **April 4-5, 2003 Brantford Ontario C.H.A.N.G.E.**

The Ontario Early Years Centre-Brant is hosting its fifth annual child care conference.

For more information, contact the OEYC, Phone: 519-759-3833; email: [eycbrant@execulink.com](mailto:eycbrant@execulink.com)

### **April 10 & 11, 2003 Toronto, Ontario**

#### **Fetal Alcohol Exposure: Time to Know, Time to Act**

April 10, preventing and addressing alcohol use in pregnancy

April 11, diagnosis and care of individuals exposed prenatally to alcohol

For more information: Best Start, 416-408-2249 ext. 260 or 1-800-397-9567, website at <http://www.beststart.org>

### **April 24, 2003, Mississauga, Ontario**

#### **Annual Suppliers Trade Show and Sale**

Hosted by Child Development Resource Connection Peel

Hansa Haus, 6650 Hurontario Street, 2 noon – 5 p.m. (drop-in)

For more information Call Noreen at 905-507-9360 ext 302

## **New Accreditation for Home Child Care Providers**

Child Development Resource Centre Peel is excited to announce its involvement in a new project for Home Child Care Providers called

Accreditation. Our agency is hosting focus groups for caregivers in February. The Elora Partnership, which is affiliated with Family Day Care Services, is running this project in 2003 in five cities including Mississauga.

“Accreditation” is a chance to do extra training and receive a certificate to show parents you have worked to upgrade your skills in child care.

Independent providers are invited to join a discussion group on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> or Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> at CDRCP from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Please come and hear more about Accreditation and share your thoughts with project director, Anne Bird. To register for either Thursday or Monday, please call Lori, 905-507-9360. If there is enough interest a third focus group may be added.

Later in the year, we will hold more discussion groups and some will be with parents. We will keep you posted as the project gets underway!

## **Mission Statement**

Child Development Resource Committee Peel (CDRCP) collaborates with community partners to promote the quality care of children up to 12 years of age and to support the quality of family life.

Recognizing the critical importance of providing Early Childhood Education and resources to children in their formative years, we support families, staff and the community by sharing information, promoting education and providing opportunities to work together.