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The 2013 Niagara Early Learning & Child Care Awards of Excellence





Margaret Hamilton Graduating Student Award	Brittany Pansino
Brock Bachelor of Early Childhood Education Outstanding Student Award Winner	Jennifer Witt
Emergent Literacy Award	Crystal Solazzo and Lori Brady
Eco-friendly Child Care Practices Award	Grapeview Daycare
Licensed Child Care Centre Administrator Award	Crystal Randall, Grapeview Daycare
Contributor Awards for Volunteers and Colleagues	
Jeannine Allan, A Child's World–Princess Margaret	Devon Keddy, Niagara Brighter Futures
Ellen Boneberger, Wee Watch Home Child Care	Victor Maturi, Ontario Early Years Centre–Niagara Falls
Sharon Boyd, YMCA Child Care–Durdan/Loretto	Guerline Nazaire-Paul, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Home Child Care Division
Debbie Cunningham, YMCA Child Care–St. Anthony	
Madhini Elangovan, YMCA Child Care–Pine Grove/	Joe Sheldon, Nelephant Montessori School
Michael J. Brennan	Shivani Singh, Wee Watch Home Child Care
Natalie Galajda, YMCA Child Care-Glendale	Amryll Strachan, YMCA Child Care-Prince Philip
Julie Gledhill, Way to Grow Daycare	Lynn Van Dyke, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Home Child Care Division

Family Support Program Practitioner Award

Martha Benjumea, Niagara Brighter Futures

Donna Dalgleish, Ontario Early Years Centre–Niagara Falls

Susan Dayboll, Ontario Early Years Centre–Port Cares Amanda Iannazzo, Ontario Early Years Centre–Niagara Falls/Niagara Catholic District School Board

Bonnie Krause, Ontario Early Years Centre – Fenwick Site

Marlene Rufh-Recasens, Grantham Neighbourhood Family Centre Carrie Szacas, Ontario Early Years Centre-Thorold

Carol Vormittag, Niagara Brighter Futures

Kelly Wilcox, Ontario Early Years Centre–Port Cares

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Early Learning and Child Care Practitioner Professionalism Awards

Alicia Akerley, Niagara Regional Child Care Centres

Lisa Baumgartner, Memorial Public School

Karen Beckett, AFSSN-Dohnberg Child Care Centre

Christine Cameron, St. Catharines Regional Child Care

Christina Clark, La Boîte à Soleil Co-op.

Amy Cools, Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care

Jennifer Dolan, YMCA Child Care–Canadian Martyrs

Pauline Graham, Niagara Region Child Care

Christine Gray Johnston, Grapeview Daycare

Joanne Janzen, North End Cooperative Preschool

Amanda Laurin, The Boys & Girls Club of Niagara

Sarah Luchkanyn, A Child's World–Niagara Community

Laura MacLeod, YMCA Child Care-Grapeview

Roxanne Patterson, Grapeview Daycare

Joscelene Perry, Wee Watch

Amanda Pole, YMCA Child Care-Grapeview

Sarah Riganelli, St. Catharines Playschool

Krista Rogers, YMCA Child Care-St. Ann

Melissa Surman, YMCA Child Care-Walker Child Care

Krista Thompson, AFSSN–Dohnberg Child Care Centre

Andrea Vanderkooi, Grapeview Daycare

Stefanie Viscek, YMCA Child Care-St. Anthony

Sandra Winfield, Boys & Girls Club of Niagara–Kids First

Child Care III

Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Team Award

Crystal Beach Public School ELP Teams: Heather Bauer, ELP Teacher & Kim Higgins, DECE ● Stephanie Prescott, ELP Teacher & Lisa Raseta, DECE

Senator Gibson Public School ELP Teams: Jenn Schneider, ELP Teacher & Shari Thomson, DECE • Sara Bosnic, ELP Teacher, Melissa Futino, DECE & Nicole Bannister, DECE • Heather Gorham-Nowell, ELP Teacher & Rachel Bruegman, DECE • Colleen Bogucki, ELP Teacher, Kelli Nero, DECE & Teresa Smelle, DECE • Tracey Orlando, ELP teacher & Jacqueline Harper, DECE

QCCN Exceptional Program Award

Niagara Nursery School & Child Care Centre

QCCN Recognition

Phase One Certificates ACW Child Care-Woodlawn
• La Boîte à Soleil-Nouvel Horizon • The Chestnut Tree
Preschool • YMCA Child Care-College Street • YMCA Child
Care-Crossroads • YMCA Child Care-St. Michael

Phase Two Certificates ACW Child Care-Woodlawn • Kids First Child Care Centre 3 (Boys & Girls Club, Fort Erie) • La Boîte à Soleil-Nouvel Horizon • YMCA Child Care-Grapeview

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