



early childhood community development centre

## **Child Care Centres Supervisors Network Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Northend Cooperative Preschool, 677 Niagara Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2M 3R4

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Regrets – Jeremy Kelly, Niagara Region Public Health, Laura Rasmussen, Children’s Services Manager, Niagara Region

### **2. Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting**

### **3. Acceptance of Agenda**

- Reviewing the agenda and adding additional areas
- Tour of North End added to agenda

### **4. Updates**

- Ministry of Education-Report, Cynthia Bradshaw and Kari-Lyn Burkholder – report attached
- Niagara Region Children’s Services-Report, Laura Rasmussen – absent no report
- Niagara Public Health- Jeremy Kelly –absent sent report
  - The Health and Safety Manual for Child Care Providers is currently being reviewed. We working on a comprehensive content update. We expect the new manual to be available in the Fall 2016.
  - Public Health will be hosting an Infection Prevention and Control Educational Session in the evening of Thursday October 20, 2016. It will be held at Regional Headquarters. Further details and content will be sent out shortly to the child care centers.
  - Food Recall reminder. We are requesting all child care centers sign up for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Food Recall email notification ([http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/util/listserv/listsube.shtml?foodrecalls\\_rappels\\_aliments](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/util/listserv/listsube.shtml?foodrecalls_rappels_aliments)) . You will be sent emails regarding allergy alerts, food recalls and other product concerns. Another option is to sign up with Public Health and we will email the notification to you (please contact your area inspector). In certain cases Public Health may also call to centers to verify that they are aware of the recall and determine if any of the product is onsite.
  - For the current Listeria recall, we will be sending the attached letter from our Associate Medical Officer of Health to all child care facilities

### **5. Training/Network Development Activity**

- Shari Hill, Early Learning and Child Care Resource Consultant presented an overview of the new ‘provocations for learning kits’ including an explanation of how the kits have evolved to their new format.
- Shari also highlighted new educator resource boxes that will support pedagogical reflection, supporting the team with photo study skills and building a culture of reflection tool kit.

### **6. Round table discussion**

- Supervisors will have an opportunity to share their program statements and reflect on how they will revisit their program statement going forward.
  - Parent night

- Share with team
- Sharing strategies regarding how they have involved staff, children, families and the community in the development of their centre's program statement.

#### 7. Discussing Issues and Brainstorming Solutions

- Round table discussion
  - Looked at the forms for Vulnerable Sector Check
  - Tracking for CECE for staff members

#### 8. ECCDC Resource Display

- Resource Reference List and Resource Display
  - Resources to Support Emerging Trends
- Professional Learning Opportunities offered in the Spring Esteem, followed by a discussion regarding future needs.
  - Gardening with Kids : From Seed to Table
  - Including the Voices of Children within your Pedagogy

#### 9. Future network development

- More of the same – enjoy the tours of centres, reports from the Ministry of Education, Niagara Region and Niagara Region Public Health, highlights of kits and resources

#### 10. Meeting Evaluation

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**Child Care Supervisors**

Niagara Region is advising child care facilities of food recalls related to Listeria contamination. Specifically, **Neilson brand chocolate milk** and several products containing **sunflower seeds** have been recalled by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

Listeria is a bacterium that causes a mild infection with fever, vomiting, and/or diarrhea. However, pregnant women, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems may have more severe complications.

Currently, the risk to the public, and particularly to the staff and attendees of child care facilities is considered to be low. The CFIA is verifying that industry is removing recalled products from the marketplace. As an added precaution, Niagara Region is advising all child care facilities to check to see if you have any of the recalled products in your facility. Products found and noted to be part of the recall should be thrown out or returned to the store of purchase. If you think you became sick from eating or drinking a recalled product, please call your doctor.

**Recall Information**

A list of the current recalled product is available below, with links directly to the CFIA recall website.

**Certain Neilson brand Partly Skimmed (1%) Chocolate Milk sold in Ontario and Quebec**

- More information can be found at: <http://goo.gl/qHq4mP>

**Certain Bassé, President's Choice and Spitz brand sunflower seeds as well as Atkins, Kashi, Quaker Harvest and Clif brand products containing sunflower seeds**

- More information about these products can be found at: <http://goo.gl/Lazk2J>

The CFIA is continuing their food safety investigation, which may lead to the recall of other products. If other high-risk products are recalled, the

CFIA will notify the public through updated Food Recall Warnings.

Listeria monocytogenes

*Listeria* is bacteria found in food, soil, plants, sewage and other places in nature.

Food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* may not look or smell spoiled but can still make people sick. Symptoms can include vomiting, nausea, persistent fever, muscle aches, severe headache and neck stiffness. Pregnant women, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems are particularly at risk. Although infected pregnant women may experience only mild, flu-like symptoms, the infection can lead to premature delivery, infection of the newborn or even stillbirth. In severe cases of illness, people may die.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and should you require further assistance or clarification on the information contained in the food recall please call (905) 688-8248 X. 7590.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Gaspar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "G".

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