



2010 Legacies Now Early Literacy and Learning Team

Services and Resources

Early Literacy and Learning Team

The Early Literacy and Learning (ELL) team helps communities support families, caregivers, early learning practitioners and educators who interact with children from birth to eight years of age. The focus is on healthy child development, early learning and family literacy. The ELL team offers services and resources that support the important work already being done through existing networks around the province, such as early child development (ECD) tables and community literacy task groups. The ELL team also works with partners to develop new projects and structures that build on this strong foundation.

Children of all ages learn through play. They learn about themselves and the world around them by engaging in play-based learning environments. Play nourishes natural curiosity and supports overall healthy child development. The Early Literacy and Learning team at 2010 Legacies Now promotes and supports play-based learning by providing resources, training and ongoing support to early learning communities. We respond to requests for assistance with flexibility and respect for the unique needs and methods of each community. For some services and resources, modest fees may apply.

Consultation and Partnerships

We participate in, facilitate and support networking, consultation, planning and capacity-building for groups involved in healthy child development, early learning and family literacy. We are especially interested in processes and events that build connections and bridges among all those who work with families and their children (from birth to eight years), and that contribute to healthy child and family development through education and advocacy.

2010 Legacies Now Society

2010 Legacies Now is a not-for-profit society dedicated to strengthening arts, literacy, sport and recreation, healthy living, accessibility and volunteerism in communities throughout British Columbia. One of 2010 Legacies Now's main goals is to support communities in their efforts to improve access to literacy learning for children, youth and adults. For more information, please visit

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■ Programs

Parents as Literacy Supporters (PALS)

PALS is a culturally sensitive, responsive family literacy program designed for parents and their preschool and kindergarten aged children. Co-developed by Jim Anderson (University of British Columbia) and Fiona Morrison (2010 Legacies Now) in 1999, the program has expanded over the years and is now used in many communities in B.C. and other provinces. In an introductory session you will learn about the program, experience activities from all of the ten sessions and be provided with a training manual.

-PALS in Aboriginal Communities now in field testing

-PALS in Immigrant Communities now in pilot

Family Literacy Certificate Program

Designed for those who currently work, or plan to work, in family literacy, this certificate program will build your knowledge and skills in a wide range of areas that are key to high quality programs and services. Unique across Canada, this credential offers an excellent curriculum facilitated by leaders in the family literacy field. This program is offered in partnership with Vancouver Community College, Literacy BC and the Centre for Family Literacy.



Workshops

Play at the Heart of Learning—for early years and primary educators

Block Play

Blocks are an essential component of an early childhood environment. Come to this session to explore a variety of high quality materials designed to enhance young children's learning. Identify the links to curricular areas that are directly tied to the block centre. Leave with specific, child-friendly assessment ideas to document young children's growth as they play with blocks. Come prepared for a hands-on, interactive session.

Sand and Water Play

Sand and water centres provide rich learning opportunities in an early childhood environment. Come to this session to play with a variety of high quality learning materials designed to enhance young children's learning. In addition, we will explore authentic links to curriculum and easy-to-use assessment materials that directly connect to sand and water play. Leave with an extensive handout of ideas to use in your setting.

Word Play

In this workshop you will experience a learning-centres approach as you explore ways to incorporate oral language development throughout an early learning program. We will also discuss how oral language development can be observed, assessed and supported within the context of children's play.

Dramatic Play

Dramatic play is an important component of an early childhood environment, as it supports problem-solving, intellectual and language development. It provides opportunities for children to interact, experience and re-create real or imaginative situations, places or role dramas. Come to this session to explore a variety of materials and resources which foster dramatic play in your program.

Expressive and Artistic Play

Found materials are a wonderful way to bring language and literacy into the early learning environment. In this workshop, you will explore ways bring these materials into your unique setting through expressive and artistic play. Come prepared for a hands-on and interactive session, and leave with an extensive handout to use in your setting.

Outside Play

Children are naturally curious, creative and interested in learning. Outside play offers many opportunities for rich learning while children observe and explore. Outside play promotes physical and cognitive development as well as literacy, while offering opportunities for valuable social interactions. Explore practical ideas to engage children in outside play activities. Share ideas on how families can be encouraged to make outside play an important part of their everyday lives.

Number Play

Early numeracy concepts are developed through hands-on materials and rich conversation that relates to everyday activity. In this workshop, you will explore ways to combine the idea of play and mathematics in order to bring new ideas into your setting and open up the opportunities to share these ideas with families. Come prepared for an interactive session, and leave with a comprehensive handout to use in your setting.

Inclusive Play

Through inclusive play, we develop greater understanding of one another: our similarities, differences, likes and dislikes. In a non-threatening environment, playing with many different individuals enables us to develop, grow and learn from one another at various paces. What does it mean to have an inclusive program? How can we ensure that all children have an opportunity to engage in meaningful play? How can a program offer a variety of play opportunities for children of all abilities? Join us in this workshop for new inspiration and to share and adapt ideas and successes.

Training and Resources

LEAP BC™ Resources, Workshops and Facilitator Training

LEAP BC is a set of resources, for families, caregivers and early learning practitioners, which integrates Literacy, Education, Activity and Play. Backed by workshops and support systems, the resources support healthy child development through activities involving physical movement, healthy eating, language development and early literacy.

Resources include:

The **Hop™ Family Resource** for families and caregivers of children ages three to five years

The **Move™ Family Resource** for families and caregivers of children from birth through three years

Talk™ Activity Cards for families and caregivers (coming soon)

The **Hop™ Early Learning Practitioners Resource**

The **Food Flair™ Early Learning Practitioners Resource**

We offer workshops for early learning practitioners and caregivers on ways to use these resources to engage families in social interactions that support healthy child development. We can also provide resources and facilitate activities at family-oriented community events.

Kindergarten Learning Project (KLP) Resources and Workshops

The Kindergarten Learning Project was a four-year project funded by the Ministry of Education with support from 50 school districts, the BC Primary Teachers' Association, the BC Principals and Vice-Principals Association and 2010 Legacies Now. It involved early primary educators from across B.C. in developing and field testing an assessment framework and resources, which kindergarten teachers could use to track students' development across the year and design learning experiences and interventions to match each stage of development.

The resources include a CD that contains assessment continua and support materials (for oral language, social responsibility, early reading, early writing, and early

numeracy), as well as a DVD that shows how the assessment framework and continua are being used by B.C. kindergarten teachers. Resources can be ordered by emailing earlylearning@2010LegaciesNow.com.

Facilitators are also available to assist you in planning and/or presenting workshops on how to use these resources in your schools or school district.

StrongStart BC Resources and Workshops

The Early Literacy and Learning Team, in partnership with the B.C. Ministry of Education, is preparing a series of professional development workshops for all StrongStart BC facilitators in existing and new centres and outreach programs. This series will include networking and mentoring opportunities, and will highlight ways to engage, interact with and educate families about early learning and home-school partnerships. Regional workshops will begin in the fall of 2009, and all schools with StrongStart BC Centres and outreach programs are invited to send an early learning team.

Consultation and Facilitation

Early Literacy and Learning Team members are available to support community development initiatives as consultants or facilitators. We can work with your group on collaborative planning and project development, communication and bridging initiatives, professional development activities, group facilitation, problem-solving, networking, or conference planning.

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