

	<p>Children and Communities - NE Day Care Directors May 16, 2008 1:00 – 3: 30 p.m.- Zenon Park</p> <p>North East Understanding the Early Years Study Results – Brenda Ives</p>
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<p>What are the important messages from this report?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of community involvement - There are options (recreation, education and health resources) for families and children - Community and parent awareness is needed as there are areas (of development) to be strengthened - Target specific domains of development in communities e.g. – Language development – Social and Emotional maturity - In rural areas there is not enough advertising about the importance of early learning - Parents need to know the value and quality of childcare
<p>What are the strengths in your community which support young children and their families?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are networks in the NE for EC- such as the NE Day Care Directors, 0-3 Years Early Childhood Task Force – the NE Day Care directors are represented on that group by Tanya Mazurek - All study areas have licensed childcare centres – some study areas have more spaces - Provincial pre k in all study areas(school funded preschool) – support diversity and smooth transition to school system

<p>What are some community actions which build on strengths or address challenges in terms of children's readiness to learn and readiness for life?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education is big - Training for EC professionals and parent education of the importance of the early years - We need to look outside our child care centre to involve others – parents/child care providers/ families not in care - Outreach – playgroup once a month - Formal groups/informal groups/ teen parent mom and tots program, morning is the best time of day because of nap time - Organize fun family activities when times are convenient to families - Network with Housing Authorities, Recreation directors - Develop a transportation network
<p>What do we need to follow-up on today's discussion?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Network – begin with an email contact for information - Develop a group network to share such as: Research, practical programs, ideas, inform us about sessions to attend - Interagencies could focus on Early Childhood and to make a community action plan - Email newsletters - Building relationships is also important – meeting people face to face - Email the feedback from the discussion to the NE Daycare directors