

Early Literacy
Alliance
of
Waterloo
Region



CONESTOGA
Connect Life and Learning

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

“Getting Connected for Early Literacy Learning” Conference

**October 16, 2010 in Kitchener, Ontario
at Conestoga College (Doon Campus)**

The Early Literacy Alliance of Waterloo Region (ELAWR) in partnership with Conestoga College’s department of Child, Youth, and Community Development invites you to participate in the upcoming early literacy conference. ELAWR is a collaborative whose goal is to improve literacy skills for all children in our community by ensuring that programs serving young children (birth to six years) include a literacy focus. The department of Child, Youth, and Community Development at Conestoga College includes Early Childhood Education diploma program, an ECE apprenticeship program, and an ECE Professional Resource Centre,

A conference will be held to bring together local service providers to educate the community to improve literacy practices through collaborative training. We invite you to share your ideas, research, and experience with others at the conference. Please follow the guidelines below to submit a proposal to present a workshop.

Content Priorities

To provide a diverse program for our community, the conference committee will consider sessions on topics such as, but not limited to the following as they relate to the conference theme:

- Awareness of literacy strategies/environments for parents and educators
- Awareness of best literacy practices related to current research (e.g. knowledge of milestones)
- Diversity issues relating to literacy
- Special needs populations and literacy
- Awareness of community resources/networking
- Early Learning and Care environments (including full day early learning)

Format

Format will be 60 minute or 120 minute workshops.

Procedures for Submitting a Proposal

Visit www.projectread.ca for an electronic copy of the call for proposals.

Please email completed proposals to strongstart@rogers.com (subject heading "ELAWR Conference") or mail to ELAWR Conference, c/o Strong Start, 20 Crestview Place, Kitchener, ON, N2B 0A2.

Proposals must be postmarked or received via email by April 27, 2010.

**“GETTING CONNECTED FOR EARLY LITERACY LEARNING”
2010 Conference Call for Proposals**

Presenter’s Name:

Position:

Organization:

Education/Experience:

Address:

Phone (daytime):

Email:

1. Title of Presentation:
2. Purpose of presentation, including how it would benefit the conference attendees:

3. Brief outline/description of content and format (maximum 60 words):

4. Content priority (please check one)
 - Awareness of literacy strategies/environments for parents and educators
 - Awareness of best practices related to current research (e.g. knowledge of milestones)
 - Diversity issues relating to literacy
 - Special needs populations
 - Awareness of community resources/networking
 - Early learning and care environments
 - Unique program/approach/strategy to learning and literacy
5. Who is the projected audience? (E.g. educators, health professionals, speech and language pathologists, librarians, child programmers, home child care providers, etc.)

6. Are you willing to present more than once? ___Yes ___No

7. Audiovisual/Other Requirements:

8. Biography (maximum 60 words):

9. Please check which of the following you would like to do:

___ a presentation

___ a poster