

“Kids & Communities: Celebrating Progress, Embracing Opportunity”

2005 National Child Day Forum

November 17 & 18, 2005

**Fort Garry Hotel- Winnipeg, MB
222 Broadway, Main Floor**

Thursday, November 17

8:00-9:00 am **Registration at the Hotel Fort Garry, Main Floor**

9:00-9:15 am **Opening Remarks**

9:15-10:15 am **Keynote Speaker: Fiona Stanley**
*“Complex Pathways to Child Outcomes:
Implications for Research Policy and Practice”*

Early life experiences influence whole of life chances. Changes in contemporary society such as longer work hours, childcare, divorce, blended families and the family structure itself impact on children and youth. These influences can impact child development and have been shown to be strongly mediated by the nature of the local community and the extent to which it operates to support families and schools in their shared task of child rearing.

Communities cannot be expected to do this on their own. For local initiatives to be sustained they will need the backing of a more integrated policy framework for children which places greater emphasis on desired childhood outcomes and which incorporates the growing knowledge of what can be done to optimize the key processes in children’s development.

10:15-10:45 am **Health Break**

10:45-12:00 pm *Progress & Opportunity – Facilitated Discussion*

12:00-1:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00-4:15 pm **3.25 Hour Sessions**

A1 – *Personality Dimensions and Leadership* - Ginella MacIntyre
Different personality types have different "languages" and preferred communication strategies. Increase your effectiveness as a leader by understanding more about the four distinctive types from Personality Dimensions™

A2 – *Working with Aboriginal Communities* - Garry Robson, Myra Laramée
Garry and Myra will provide an overview of the Aboriginal perspective of the development of a child and discuss some similarities on parenting. They will also share some ideas that you should know when working with Aboriginal people.

A3 – *Play: The Developmentally Appropriate Way to Learn* - Gayle Robertson
A day without play is a day without learning! What do children learn? Language, confidence, competence, social skills, problem-solving, thinking skills, and much more. This session will address questions about developmentally appropriate practice and learning through play. Participants will be able to share ideas and learn a few new ones.

1:00-2:30 pm

1.5 Hour Sessions

A4 – Engaging Dads - Kyle Monkman, Terry McCharles, Donovan Lapensee, Dean McIvor, Donovan Tomlinson, Paul Malloy

Historically, dads have been seen as secondary players or supporting roles in the lives of their children. Although there has been a gradual shift in perception in recent years, parenting programs, parent-child programs and children's programs are frequently focussed on the mother-child relationship. This session deals with the importance of inclusiveness in programming, including tips for creating a welcoming environment for fathers.

A5 – Making the Race Fair for Our Children - Marni Brownell, Terra Orlikow, Kim Johnson

Recent research from across Manitoba shows that the social gradient in educational outcomes is much steeper than previously thought, and that initiatives in the early years may hold the best hope for future improvements. Come and hear about how communities can use their local Early Development Instrument (EDI) data to assist them in determining the early years programs and services that meet the specific needs of their community's children.

A6 - Putting the Pieces Together: Part 1

This two-part session will provide information on Manitoba's Early Childhood Continuum-programs offered throughout the province to strengthen early childhood development, learning and care. Come to learn more about these programs and share ideas of how to connect and work together in your communities.

Healthy Baby - Shannon Dennehy

Healthy Baby is a two-part program that includes the Manitoba Prenatal Benefit and Healthy Baby Community Support Programs. This initiative supports families during pregnancy and the child's infancy with financial assistance, social support and nutrition and health education.

Families First - Darlene Girard

Families First is a home visiting program offering information and support to families as they raise their children, from pregnancy to school entry. It is designed to link with related services in the community. Families First is delivered across the province through the public health program of Regional Health Authorities.

Early Childhood Development Initiative (ECDI) - Marilyn Robinson

The ECD Initiative is designed to support school divisions in partnership with coalitions, parents and the community to respond to local priorities. Learn about initiatives to support preschool programming and services, and talk about existing partnerships and opportunities..

Manitoba Child Care Program – Kathy Reid & Margaret Ferniuk

Learn more about Manitoba's exciting plans for building, expanding and enhancing community-based and non-profit early learning and child care programs and services in nursery schools, full time centres and family child care homes.

2:45-4:15 pm

1.5 Hour Sessions

B1 – Conducting Productive Meetings - Judith Cameron

This session will explore methods of achieving a successful meeting outcome through the use of specific and effective tools and tips and through active participation of all meeting members.

B2 – Done for the Love of It! Creating a Culture of Authentic Accountability - David Church

"What is done is done for the love of it, or not really done at all." (Robert Frost)
David will share his ideas on ways of constructing plans that are infused with such passion that monitoring and accountability occur as natural expressions of joyful accomplishment. Come prepared to share the secrets of your success, and to learn from others.

B3 – Putting the Pieces Together: Part 2

Children's Programs - Tracy Moore

Participants will receive an overview of the Children's Programs Branch, with emphasis on the Children's Special Services Program and the Manitoba Child Care Children with Disabilities Program.

Triple P - Steve Feldgaier

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is a world-renowned parenting system which promotes positive, caring relationships between parents and their children and helps parents learn effective management strategies for dealing with a variety of childhood developmental and behavioural issues. Triple P resources for families will be implemented throughout Manitoba over the next 2 years.

FASD Prevention and Support Strategy - Michelle Dubik

The presentation will focus on specific prevention, intervention and support programs that comprise components of the FASD strategy. Coalitions will be invited to explore opportunities to connect with this initiative in their communities.

Early Childhood Health Promotion - Dale Brownlee

This presentation will focus on a description of the role of the health system toward the promotion of the best possible health and development for all children in Manitoba, with a focus on the prenatal months to the early years.

Friday, November 18

8:00-9:00 am **Registration**

9:00-10:30 am **1.5 Hour Sessions**

C1 – Writing Winning Proposals: Strategies for Success - Gerdi Stewart

Get the funding you need with this informative look at what makes a winning proposal. Learn tips and strategies that will give your proposal a winning edge. Learn about the decision makers and how they select winning proposals. This presentation will leave you eager and excited to write your next proposal or funding application.

C2 – Holistic Community ECD Networks: Practical Methods to Link Up With New Partners and Resources - Kathleen Guy

Providing examples from Manitoba, Canada and around the world, this workshop will highlight how communities can mobilize existing resources to build a more holistic community-based system of early child development that supports the diverse needs of local families with young children. Come with your successes, challenges, and questions.

C3 – Story Telling - Linda Blomme

What is it? People from all over the world tell stories. They even write about them. All in their unique way they talk about their history. Aboriginal people of Turtle Island were no different.

9:00-12:15 pm **3.25 Hour Sessions**

C4 – The Science of Early Child Development: Red River Interactive Training -- Mia Elfenbaum

The Science of Early Child Development is an innovative, on-line multimedia resource. It explores cutting-edge research using an engaging, interactive format. An overview of this exciting resource will be given with an emphasis on the topic of children's self-regulation. Professional development and training opportunities will also be discussed.

C5 – Partnerships for Inclusion: Mobilizing the Early Childhood Community through Community Partnerships - Debra Mayer

The **Inclusive Child Care Capacity Building Project** is an exciting new initiative sponsored by Community Living Manitoba with funding by Families Forward, the Parent-Child Centred Coalition in the River Heights-Fort Garry area. Learn how community partnerships can help transform practices, enhance quality, and create more inclusive communities for children with disabilities and their typically developing friends.

C6 – Team Building - The FISH Way - Michelle Grant, Linda Green

Here is your chance to discover the team building secrets of the World Famous Pike Place Fish Market. The language of FISH is simple: Play, Make Their Day, Be There, and Choose Your Attitude. Come and Catch the Energy...Release the Potential. Rediscover what motivates you!

10:45-12:15 pm **1.5 Hour Sessions**

D1 – The Write Stuff – Writing for Results - Gerdi Stewart

Get a more polished, professional image by improving your writing skills. This fast-paced session will show you ways to save time, get better results and increase your confidence by writing more clearly and concisely. You'll learn how to avoid common writing errors, get rid of excess words and clear up any pesky grammar issues.

D2 – Key Elements in Building and Sustaining Community Partnerships - Anita Moore and Community Facilitators

How do we engage community members and develop meaningful partnerships? This session will provide participants with practical skills and tools to strengthen relationships within their communities.

D3 – From the Inside Out: Community Development - Dilly Knoll, Heather Block

This workshop will outline how Andrews Street Family Centre was created, and continues to operate, “from the inside out”, putting John McKnight’s theories to practice in a community that was thought unable to operate effectively. ASFC has since become a leader in exemplifying community development.

12:15-1:15 pm **Lunch**

1:15-2:30 pm ***Facilitated Session with Members of Healthy Child Committee of Cabinet***

2:30-3:00 pm ***Plenary Session***

3:00-3:15 pm ***Closing Remarks***

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Hotel Fort Garry has a block of rooms available for those people attending from rural Manitoba. Book your room **prior to October 17, 2005**. Please contact the hotel at 1-800-665-8088 and refer to **HCM05** as the group code for booking your room.