

Call for Expressions of Interest

The Early Years Professional Development Committee (EYPDC) - Comité pour le Développement Professionnel en Petite Enfance - is seeking expressions of interest from qualified and experienced individuals to create a facilitation team who will deliver professional development modules related to the implementation of *Capable, Confident, and Curious: Nova Scotia Early Learning Curriculum Framework* (NSELCF) across the Province.

The EYPDC consists of representatives of provincial ECE training institutions and Support Sites. Supported by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) the sites' mandate is to communicate, plan, coordinate, and offer professional development to meet the needs of early childhood educators in Nova Scotia. The Early Years Professional Development Committee will be engaging facilitators and organizing regional deliveries of professional learning in relation to *Confident, Capable and Curious* for educators, directors and other leaders, on behalf of EECD.

Professional Benefits for Facilitators

The early years, from before birth to age six, are crucial for a child's healthy development. Our children deserve the best possible start in life to help them develop to their full potential. In accordance with this philosophy, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Early Years Branch, has launched the Nova Scotia Early Learning Curriculum Framework.

Facilitators provide an important and meaningful link between the new framework and actual practices within our early years settings.

This is an opportunity to become an early years champion and promote the Framework in your community, providing learning opportunities for our field that will impact how we work with our youngest citizens. You will be helping others to put theory into practice and engage fully and enthusiastically with our new framework.

Role of the Facilitator

- Commit to delivering modules to the early years community for the full duration of the project
- Acquire an in-depth knowledge and understanding of *Confident, Capable and Curious*, the Nova Scotia Early Learning Framework
- Participate in train-the-facilitator sessions (approximately one Saturday every 6 months)
- Facilitate each professional learning session on a regional schedule which may include some week days, weekends or evenings
- Participate in an online discussion forum with other facilitators to reflect upon experiences, share information and respond to community needs
- EECD Early Childhood Development Consultants (ECDs) will follow up and support child care centres after the delivery of each module. Facilitators are not required to coach leaders or educators in their centre

Qualifications & Experience

- Knowledge and understanding of adult learning principles
- Knowledge and awareness of culturally responsive practices
- Post-secondary education and knowledge related to early childhood development and inquiry-based practices, as described in the framework.

- Knowledge and understanding of a variety of recommended best practices related to early childhood education
- Skills and experiences in developing and facilitating training for early childhood educators, an asset
- Experience leading or participating on a collaborative team, an asset
- Ability to deliver modules in French, an asset
- Demonstrated understanding of the day to day work of an early childhood educator

Remuneration

- Facilitators will receive a per diem rate for each workshop they facilitate based on their role in the delivery (Lead or Assistant), to be paid by the EYPDC support sites
- Reimbursement of travel to workshops and facilitator trainings (if over 50kms) and up to \$150 toward accommodation/meals for one night if required

Logistics

- Modules will happen in blocks of time, not in a continuous cycle. For example, modules one and two were delivered in the fall of 2018, three and four will be delivered in the spring of 2019, etc.
- Some modules will require multiple delivery, depending upon the needs of the community, turnover of staff, etc.
- Facilitators will be provided with copies of *Confident, Capable and Curious*, the Educator's Guide, as well as resource materials for Directors/Leaders
- Workshops will accommodate up to 50 participants. A Lead facilitator supported by an Assistant will facilitate workshops with more than 25 participants.
- There will be French deliveries of the modules, and resources will be provided in both French and English.
- Facilitators must be available to attend the training, to be held on March 2nd, 2019, in HRM (full day).

Submitting Your Expression of Interest

All submissions must be in an electronic format, emailed to eypd.committee@gmail.com . Our goal is to have a diverse pool of facilitators that is representative of all our communities. If you are a member of a diversity group, you are encouraged to self-identify on your electronic application.

Please include the following information in your submission:

- Cover letter stating why you are interested in being a member of the Facilitation Team. Include strengths that you bring to the role, and what you hope to gain as a professional in your field
- Resume
- Three references with contact information (please ensure they are aware of your application)
- Expressions of Interest are to be submitted by February 8, 2019.