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Caring for and about young children is one of the most important occupations in our society. The practitioners and the programs that provide care and nurturing to young children have an impact on each child's life that lasts a lifetime.

The Awards:

The Early Childhood Learning and Care (ECLC) Awards of Excellence for Educators and Programs honours the accomplishments and dedication of exceptional early childhood learning and care practitioners and programs. There is one award for each category.

- **The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice:** This honour will be awarded to a child care practitioner (centre: ECE & Administrator; family home care provider) working in the Nova Scotia child care sector who consistently demonstrates best practices in their care of young children and an outstanding dedication to the children they care for and to the early childhood learning and care field. Sponsored by *Dairy Farmers of Canada / Les Producteurs laitiers du Canada*
- **The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program :** This honour will be awarded to a licensed Nova Scotia early childhood learning and care program (centre based or family child care program/agency) that provides outstanding and high quality early childhood care and learning to the children enrolled in the program. Sponsored by *TBA*

Recognition:

Program and practice award winners will receive a framed certificate, a \$200 gift certificate from a child care supplier and Saturday conference registration to *Family at the Centre ~ Les familles sont au Centre* Child Care Conference and Trade Show (a \$100 value). The recipient will also receive a free ticket to the awards dinner for their guest (a \$35 value) in addition to their own ticket. A table for 10 will be reserved for the winner's party that will include the sponsor representative. (Sponsor, winner and winner's guest fees at this table will be paid for as part of the winner's package). The awards will be presented at the Awards and Recognition Dinner Gala of the Conference on Friday, June 8, 2012

Eligibility:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice, sponsored by: <i>Dairy Farmers of Canada / Les Producteurs laitiers du Canada</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program, sponsored by: <i>TBA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominees must work in a licensed child care program in Nova Scotia, either a centre or family home attached to a licensed facility/agency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominees must be a licensed child care program (centre or family child care agency) operating in Nova Scotia with no conditions on the license.

The ECLC Award for Practice:

- Nominees must work a minimum of 3 days per week providing early childhood learning and care to young children.
- Nominees must provide evidence of training in early childhood learning and care in the form of:
 - Degree, diploma or certificate in early childhood education or
 - Certified by the Certification Council of Early Childhood Educators of NS as an ECE (active and up to date) or
 - Proof of completion of training in family child care
- Nominees must have worked in an Early Childhood Learning and Care Program for at least 3 years

The ECLC Award for Program:

- Nominees must provide an Early Childhood Learning and Care program for at least nine months of the year.
- Nominees must have operated their program for at least five years.

Nominators:

Nominators may be any person or group with direct knowledge of the nominee’s contribution.

Selection Committee

How Recipients are chosen:

- **The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice:** A committee of Early Childhood Learning and Care practitioners and representatives of the Centre provincial de ressources préscolaires, Certification Council of Early Childhood Educators of NS, Child Care Connection Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Child Care Association will select the ECLC practice award recipient.
- **The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program:** A committee of Early Childhood Learning and Care practitioners and representatives of the Centre provincial de ressources préscolaires, Certification Council of Early Childhood Educators of NS, Child Care Connection Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Child Care Association will select the ECLC program award recipient.

Selection Criteria:

Nomination text should include how the nominee exhibits the following selection criteria:

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice:

- Commitment and support to **children’s** growth & development
- Commitment and support to **Families**
- Commitment and support to their **ECLC Program**
- Commitment and leadership in the **ECLC Profession**
- Uses innovative and creative ECLC program approaches

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program:

- Commitment to and demonstration of high quality programs for **children**
- Commitment to and demonstration of a high quality work environment for **staff** in their program
- Commitment to & demonstration of involvement with **parents, families and community**
- Innovation and creativity in the provision of services

When developing the nomination text:

- Follow the criteria set out in the nomination guidelines
- Provide concrete examples and details to show how the nominee has met the selection criteria and explain the impact of the nominee’s (practitioner or program) efforts.
- Focus on the overall achievements of the nominee.

How to Apply:

- Develop a nomination package, following the guidelines below. Each nomination package must include a completed copy of the application form.
- Forms must be signed by the nominee and nominator

Nomination deadline:

April 1, 2012

Assembling a nomination package for either award:

The nomination package illustrates the outstanding achievements of the nominee and clearly explains why the Practitioner or Program should receive the ECLC Award of Excellence. Contents of the nomination package should include:

- An original and four copies of the nomination package.
- Signed nomination form
- Nomination text
- Letters of support that provide evidence of the nominee’s excellence and achievements under all of the selection criteria. A single letter may address one or a number of the selection criteria. Letters should not exceed one page and must be signed by the author. Letters may come from anyone with direct knowledge of the accomplishments of the nominee, however, letters from parents, children, peers and professional associations are particularly effective.
- And the following for either the practice or program award:

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice:

- Evidence of nominee’s training in ECLC (copy of degree, diploma or certificate showing completion of training); and/or certification (CCECENS) status.)
- Evidence of Nominee’s experience

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program:

- Description of program including :
 - Mission
 - Program philosophy
 - Numbers and ages of children
 - Number of families served (currently)
 - Program methodology (example, high scope, emergent, etc.)
 - Number of staff
 - Relevant history
- Evidence that the program holds a valid license issued by the NS Department of Community Services with no conditions
- Evidence that the program has been in operation for five or more years.

- Additional support materials (optional) can be enclosed, and could include, but not limited to: CD-ROMs, videotapes, photos with captions, sample of children’s work/activities, media activities, additional letters of support, a curriculum vitae etc.

Format:

- Typewritten and double spaced in a font no smaller than 12 points one sided on 8 1/2" by 11" paper

It is the nominators responsibility to submit a complete nomination package by the deadline, April 1, 2012.

Please send nominations to

The ECLC Awards of Excellence

c/o CCCNS

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2012 Application Form The ECLC Award of Excellence for Practice

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Nominee: (print or type in Block letters)

Name.....:

Full name and address of the ECLC setting where nominee works

Setting Name:.....:

Address:.....:

Community:..... Postal Code.....:

Telephone..... Email.....:

Type of setting.....:

Ages of children in the nominee's care:.....:

Does the nominee work a minimum of 3 days per week providing ECLC to young children?

Is evidence included in the package that the ECLC setting in which the nominee works is licensed? ...

Is there evidence included in the package that the nominee has worked in an ECLC program for at least three years?

Is evidence of the nominee's training in ECLC included in the package?.....:

Nominee Personal Information:

Home address:.....:

Community..... Postal Code.....:

Telephone (H):..... email:.....:

(Jurors will only consider information in the nomination package received by the nomination deadline). All personal information collected in nominations is protected by the privacy act. Information is used by CCCNS to process the nominations. Information will be stored at the CCCNS offices, 100-1200 Tower Road, Halifax, NS B3H 4K6. Nominees may access, request correction of or have notations attached to the information about them at this address after the jury has selected the winner. Each recipient's name, ECLC setting, community will be included in promotion of the awards and information materials used by the ECLC Awards of Excellence.

Nominator:

Name:.....:

Organization represented (if applicable):.....:

Address:.....:

Community:..... Postal Code:.....:

Telephone (day):..... Telephone (evening):.....:

Email.....:

Signatures:

Nominator:..... Date:.....:

Nominee:

I, the nominee, affirm that the information contained in this nomination package is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct. I understand that the award winning ideas, photos and methods may be published and I give my release for that purpose.

Signature:..... Date:.....:



2012 Application Form

The ECLC Award of Excellence for Program

Nominee: (type of print in block letters)

Full name and address of the program being nominated:

Program Name.....

Address

Community..... Postal Code

Telephone..... Email

Type of setting

Is evidence included in the package that the nominated program is Licensed?.....

Is a description of the nominated program included in the nomination package?

Is there evidence included in the package that the nominated program has been in operation for more than 5 years?
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Contact Information:

Name:.....

Position in relation to the nominated program:.....

Address:

Community..... Postal Code

Telephone (H):..... email:

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Address:

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Signatures:

Nominator: **Date:**

Nominee:

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Contact Signature: Date:

Position: