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TO: Best Start Network Chairs

FROM: Susan Finnie, Community Programs Manager
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RE: **Ontario Best Start Online Collaboration Site**

As announced in the Minister's update on Best Start Child and Family Centres on June 21, 2011, this is to provide further information on the launch of the Ontario Best Start Online Collaboration Site.

This new sector specific site is geared to child and family service providers and stakeholders as a way to widely distribute materials, to engage professionals in on-going dialogue about key concepts and decisions, and to maintain a forum for community feedback. The site provides information and materials (in both English and French) specifically targeted for Best Start Networks, municipalities, service providers, administrators and planners in relation to the Best Start Child and Family Centre initiative.

On this site you will find:

- News and announcements,
- Tools and reports that describe parts of the Ontario Best Start vision,
- Information about successful processes, strategies and activities that have helped other communities move toward integration,
- Information about reports and other websites that are helpful to read, and
- A portal for you to provide on-going feedback and advice.

Attached is a tip sheet that outlines where to find the Online Collaboration Site and how to join the site.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Cathy May, Program Supervisor at phone: 905-868-8900, ext. 5160; email: cathy.may@ontario.ca.

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