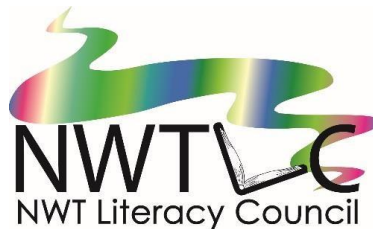




**November 4, 2020-
January 27, 2021**

**Virtual
Family
Literacy Training
Institute**



Learn about the family literacy approach and how to facilitate family literacy programs.

Cost to register – free!

Sessions will include live, interactive video conferences and pre-recorded videos.

Registration is limited, so apply early!

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What is Family Literacy Training Institute (FLTI)?

An annual training for Early Childhood Educators, Adult Educators, Teachers or Educational Assistants, Community Health Representatives, Family Literacy Coordinators, Aboriginal Head Start program staff, Preschool program staff, Librarians, or anyone interested in Family Literacy!

FLTI will look a little different this year. We will be hosting several live and interactive videoconferences, as well as sharing pre-recorded videos and activities. We are also excited to have guest presenters join us for special sessions as well.

Participants who complete their Family Literacy certificate will be eligible to apply for funding to facilitate a family literacy program in their community.

To complete a certificate, participants must complete the following workshop sessions:

- Introduction to Family Literacy
- Babies are Born Learning
- Choosing Books
- Program Planning and Funding
- Canada Learning Bond

Participants must complete 2 of the following workshop sessions:

- *Little Chefs*
- *Science Fun*
- *1-2-3 Rhyme With Me*
- *Physical Literacy and You!*

Facilitators who have previously completed FLTI may apply for individual workshops, but priority will be for new participants.

If you are interested in these training sessions but are not available at the day/times scheduled, please still submit an application form and include a day or time that you would be available. If there is enough interest, we may be able to schedule sessions in the evening or on a weekend day.

Workshop Overviews

Introduction to Family Literacy-

Part A: Live, Wednesday, November 4, 10 AM

Part B: Pre-recorded, available anytime

The Introduction to Family Literacy workshop will explore the meaning of family literacy: how everyday activities such as cooking, making crafts and spending time together are literacy experiences for children. You will learn how to expand on these activities to incorporate them into your family literacy program.

Speech and Language support in Family Literacy- Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Special Guest Wendy MacDonald, M.Sc.(A), R.SLP, S-LP(C): Trained at McGill University, Wendy has 34 years of clinical experience in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP). She started her own private practice, Communication Care Speech & Language Services, 15 years ago. She has worked in the Northwest Territories for almost 30 years with predominately preschool and school-age children from a variety of linguistic and cultural backgrounds. She has provided training and mentoring to classroom assistants and new SLPs as well as consultation to multi-disciplinary teams that include families, medical and educational staff. Wendy also provides workshops to parents, teachers, early childhood educators and health professionals.

About this presentation

This presentation will look at normal speech and language development. We will also discuss a variety of strategies to help your child develop their speech and language skills.

Program Planning and Funding- Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Family Literacy programs are a great way to promote family literacy in your community. This session will explore different ideas for family literacy programs, ways you can partner with others in your community and how to apply for funding.

Canada Learning Bond- Wednesday, November 25, 2020

The Canada Learning Bond is a Government of Canada program to help support post-secondary education costs for children in lower-income families. Only about 10% of eligible children in the NWT are currently signed up for the program and this workshop will provide you with tools to help other families in your community to sign up.

Physical Literacy and You! (P.L.A.Y. NWT)- Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Develop basic knowledge of physical literacy and what it meant to **you** as a professional, community member, and individual. Learn about the role **you** play in creating and supporting an environment that promotes activities that support physical literacy and encourages healthy active lifestyles. Of course, there will be plenty of fun activities and games to add to your toolkit! This session will be facilitated by guests from P.L.A.Y. NWT.

Little Chefs- Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Little Chefs is a cooking program for family literacy groups. Preparing any recipe involves literacy. *Little Chefs* has been updated to have a strong focus on numeracy. Units now include activities focused on numeracy development. Any time you talk and do things with preschool children, you help them develop language skills. Older children may gain practice reading and writing recipes, following step-by-step instructions, weighing and measuring, and working with fractions. After this workshop, you will be able to run a *Little Chefs* program in your community.

Science Fun- Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Science Fun gives family literacy groups the information they need to carry out easy, fun, hands-on science activities for preschoolers. These experiments and activities introduce preschoolers to the world around them and help them develop positive attitudes towards science. After this workshop, you will be able to run a *Science Fun* program in your community.

Babies are Born Learning- Pre-recorded, available anytime

We now know that the brain grows more in the first three years of life than at any other time. This workshop explains the connection between early childhood experiences, brain development, and lifelong learning and well-being. It will cover the basics of early childhood brain development, how children learn language, and how parents and caregivers can give the early care needed to build a strong foundation for life.

1-2-3 Rhyme with Me- Pre-recorded, available anytime

1-2-3 Rhyme with Me is a fun, interactive rhyming and singing program for young children and their parents. Come and learn how to facilitate this program in your community. You will learn about brain development and oral language development, as well as many fun rhymes and songs to use in your program. You will receive a book and a CD of rhymes, stories and songs to take home.

Choosing Books- Pre-recorded, available anytime

The *Choosing Books* workshop will explore different types of books and why we love them! Participants will have the opportunity to share their favorite books with others. We will explore why different styles of books are best for different ages and stages. You will learn how to read with enthusiasm and have fun with reading. Get set for some fun, hands-on book exploration.

Technology Requirements:

You will need the following to participate:

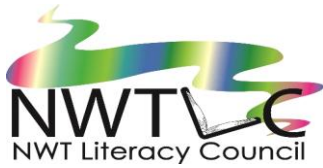
- Access to a computer (preferred) or smart phone with internet connection
- Web-camera and microphone
- Speakers

NWTLC staff will offer technical help sessions before the first online session to help orient everyone to the tools being used.

Other considerations:

Please ensure that you can be fully present in the training session by considering things ahead of each session:

- Try to be in a quiet, private space: We want participants to be able to be active in discussions, and background noise in your space may be distracting and may require the facilitators to ask you to remain on mute.
- Get comfortable: Make sure that you use the washroom, get any water and coffee/tea, get a blanket/open a window etc. before the session begins to reduce the need to step away.
- Have your materials ready: NWTLC will mail you training packages with the materials that you need, please make sure you have these with you and ready to be used.
- Place your phone and computer notifications to “do not disturb”: ensure that you won’t be receiving alerts while in the session.
- Have your camera on throughout the sessions: We ask that all participants engage throughout the sessions, and we want to create a learning community as much as possible while online.
- Let facilitator(s) know if you need to leave: If you have to step away from your computer, please let the facilitator know through a chat message so that we know you have left and aren’t concerned about a tech issue or the reason you may have left.



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Application Form

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Name:	Organization:
Position or Job Title:	
Address:	
Postal Code:	
Phone:	Fax:
Email:	

Please tell us a little bit about yourself and your interest in Family Literacy:

Please tell us any program facilitation experience you have:

Have you taken FLTI before?

If yes, please list the sessions you would like to register for (we will add previous participants as space allows):

If not, please circle which of the optional sessions you wish to participate in (minimum of 2, but you can take them all):

- *Physical Literacy and You!* – December 2, 2020
- *1-2-3 Rhyme With Me*- prerecorded, can be watched any time
- *Little Chefs*- January 20, 2021
- *Science Fun*- January 27, 2021

By submitting this form, you agree to attend all sessions and to the technology needs and other considerations.

To register, email or fax this form to:

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