

The following occur:	Comments	Community examples
<p>Regular communication and information sharing with the range of early years programs in the community</p>		<p>Attending learning communities: Early Literacy Learning Community, <i>Réseau en littératie émergente</i>, Supervisors' Learning Community, School-age Learning Community, Infant and Toddler Learning Community, Cooks Learning Community, Emergent Approach Learning Community, Mentors' Professional Learning Community, Subscribe to professional newsletters: ASCY, AECEO, Quiet Times, Child care Federation Interactions etc... Promote to parents events/workshops at your local OEYC. Promote to parents events/workshops at your local library. Provide information on Early Words. Become familiar with or volunteer at Adult Basic Education Association of Hamilton or the Hamilton Public Library etc...</p>
<p>Planning, implementing and hosting of community-based early and family literacy events open to those outside your program</p>		<p>Host a Mother Goose program at your centre. Host a Family Math program at your centre. Participate in the Week of the Child Event. Host a literacy event. Host one of the learning communities listed above. Celebrate Family Literacy Week by participating/hosting a Snuggle Up and Read event. Host a Scholastic Book Sale. Partner with your local school or OEYC to put on a school-readiness parent information night.</p>
<p>Staff resources shared with other early years programs in the community including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff-shadowing opportunities so staff in one program learn about one another 		<p>Schedule staff to visit your local OEYC or Parent and Family Centre Schedule staff to spend some individual time with the Early Literacy Specialists Visit a Mother Goose session, Family Math program, Infant Message at another centre</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff-exchange programs so programs with strong literacy components can support programs with literacy challenges 		<p>Gain knowledge in mentoring by participating in the Mentors' Professional Learning Community at ASCY Plan for sharing time. Become aware of the expertise within your staff team and build capacity!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Professional education activities extended to staff in other programs, promoting cross-sector collaboration and information sharing 		<p>Within your own organization Within your own neighbourhood Within the early years field</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Two or more staff from different programs and services share a conference registration 		<p>Attend literacy conferences like the Hamilton Early Literacy Forum, AECEO, Love of Literacy (in Burlington), or Change Conference (in Brantford)</p> <p>Return to your workplace prepared and willing to share what you have learned</p> <p>Ask to do so at a staff meeting or parent evening or at a community forum</p>
<p>Funding resources shared with early years programs in the community, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proceeds from funding and/or fundraising shared with other early years programs, where possible 		<p>Share resources between centres</p> <p>Host events together to reduce costs</p>
<p>In-kind and volunteer resources shared with early years programs in the community, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Volunteer sharing 		<p>Can your volunteer create 2 of each to share?</p> <p>Do you have a volunteer recruitment plan?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Providing space for literacy activities 		<p>Host events/programs.</p> <p>Create book lending opportunities</p> <p>Provide space for adult literacy tutoring</p> <p>Start a families reading together program</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sharing on-line access, email addresses, etc. 		<p>Share literacy oriented sites with others</p> <p>Create a blog or Pinterest board listing sites and ideas about literacy</p> <p>Create opportunities for parents to have access to a computer or wifi</p>
<p>Formal protocols or agreements developed, maintained and tracked for the above resource sharing</p>		<p>Who will advertise?</p> <p>Who will provide staffing?</p> <p>Is there a cost?</p> <p>Who will pay?</p> <p>Who are the partners?</p> <p>What are your goals or intended outcomes?</p> <p>Will you keep stats and which ones?</p> <p>Will there be a follow-up?</p> <p>Will you have an evaluation form?</p>
<p>Participation (attendance) in literacy events sponsored by “other” sectors</p>		<p>Early Literacy Forum in May</p> <p>Week of the Child in October</p> <p>Snuggle Up and Read (Family Literacy week in January)</p> <p>Volunteer at Telling Tales literacy festival in September</p> <p>Provide child care at one of the events</p>

		<p>Put up a display at one of the events</p> <p>Attend as a participant</p>
<p>Participation in literacy organization by serving on boards, committees, etc.</p>		<p>Become a member of the Early Literacy Hamilton committee or subcommittee</p> <p>Volunteer at your local OEYC or PFLC or school</p> <p>Volunteer at ASCY in the Early Literacy Initiative</p> <p>Volunteer at your local library</p> <p>Volunteer at the Telling Tales Festival</p> <p>Help co-ordinate one of the Learning Communities</p> <p>Volunteer to read to children whenever possible!!</p>
<p>Promoting Early Literacy Specialist role in the community</p>		<p>Promote the checklist</p> <p>Book professional development for staff</p> <p>Request a site-consultation</p> <p>Attend workshops on early literacy</p> <p>Initiate an agency-wide Hanen program (Learning Language and Loving it, ABC and Beyond)</p> <p>Access literacy kits</p> <p>Host early literacy parent nights</p> <p>Nominate your centre for: The CIBC World Markets Children's Foundation Individual Early Literacy Education Award or The Agency Early Literacy Education Award</p>
<p>Contribution to development of the Community Literacy Plan</p>		<p>Offer feedback at the Early Literacy Forum</p> <p>Share community literacy ideas with the Early Literacy Specialists or other members of Early Literacy Hamilton</p>