

Release of new report on provincial progress in early education

TORONTO, Nov. 21, 2011 - The third edition of the *Early Years Study* will be released in Toronto and Montreal on Tuesday, November 22 at 10 a.m.

Early Years Study 3 (EYS 3) introduces the Early Childhood Education Index, a tool that monitors the funding, policy, access and quality of early education programming in Canada. Its first findings are surprisingly promising. "Despite budget challenges provinces have clearly prioritized programs for young children," says the study's co-author the Honourable Margaret Norrie McCain.

The study is the third collaboration between Mrs. McCain and world leading scientist Dr. J. Fraser Mustard who died last week.

Release time: Tuesday, November 22, 10 a.m.

Toronto location: Ontario Studies in Education, 252 Bloor Street West, Ground Floor Library.

Montreal location: Famijeunes, 3904, rue Notre-Dame Ouest.

EYS 3 and related documents will be available Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. at earlyyearsstudy.ca and pointsurlapetiteenfance.org.

The study is supported by a number of foundations working together to promote access to early education for all young children.

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