



Northern Ontario Agency Wins IODE 100th Anniversary Grant Valued at \$25,000

The Children's Aid Society (CAS) of the District of Nipissing & Parry Sound for their project, *Play Your Part Parenting – Beyond the Basics*, won the 2013 IODE 100th Anniversary Grant valued at \$25,000.

The Grant will fund two, ten-week parenting courses beginning in April with topics such as attachment and bonding, safe sleeping, feeding and nutrition, learning thorough play and active living. The program will increase parents' knowledge of coping strategies, provide a healthy start for infants and moms, screen for developmental delays and model a nurturing environment. The program targets approximately 60 high-risk families who are already known to the CAS.

The seven-member panel comprised of professional social workers and IODE members selected *Play Your Part Parenting* program because it offers direct support to parents in jeopardy of neglecting their children with proven parenting programs. It is a program that offers concrete items: quality childcare, socialization of isolated parents and a healthy snack - all reasons to return the next week. The program has the potential to be innovative and showcase positive intervention that will prevent child abuse and neglect.

The IODE 100th Anniversary Grant is offered biennially to an individual or group who develops a program to alleviate and prevent child abuse and neglect. IODE Canada congratulates the Children's Aid Society of the District of Nipissing & Parry Sound.

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