



## Uniting "Wee" Communities Across Ontario

### **TOGETHER WEE CAN "COME TOGETHER" 2021**

Last year, more than ever, the importance of connection and community became apparent as we all experienced a very challenging and uncertain 2020. In 2021, we look forward and want to focus as a Wee Watch Community on coming together to support learning and development of children within our homes and beyond!

The Ministry of Education has an approach we follow, called "How Does Learning Happen", which describes ways in which our Providers ensure that children in their homes have a sense of belonging and well-being and are engaged and able to express themselves in many ways. It is based on the fact that children learn when the environment supports their learning in 4 foundational ways: Belonging, Well-Being, Engagement and Expression.

Together Wee Can Come Together 2021 will explore each Foundation for 3 months with programming and activities that support you in building environments for children to thrive!

#### **Foundation 1: Expression (January-March)**

For the next 3 months Providers will focus on activities that aim to foster communication and expression in all forms. Our goal is for children in care to feel heard and understood. We have designed events and activities to help support expression in the children in care. We kick things off with an Emoji craft, a fun way to help children understand different emotions and help them express how they are feeling daily.

#### **January: "Tower of Books" Challenge & Fundraiser**

To promote Family Literacy Day on January 27th we have planned a "Tower of Books" Challenge & Fundraiser! The goal is to motivate children to read for fun, to enjoy reading, to overcome reading obstacles and to find more time to read.

Between January 11-27 we challenge Providers and children to read as many books as they can! For every book read, Wee Watch will donate \$0.10 to the "Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation"

#### **February: Brave Hearts - Valentines for Essential Workers**

We want to do what we can to spread messages of kindness, courage, hope and encouragement. What better way than through Valentines. Valentines Day is a perfect time to acknowledge Essential workers within the community, and show them some love and appreciation. They work tirelessly year-round, especially this past year in these unprecedented times.

Between February 8-12 children and Providers will make Valentines for Essential workers, thanking them for their tireless work year-round, especially this past year in these unprecedented times.

