

NOCLD OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES PROGRAMS ACROSS THE NORTH



The Northern Ontario Centre for Learning Differences launched their organization at a media event held on Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 at Huntington University. The seeds have been planted to grow brighter futures for students with learning differences and their families across Northeastern Ontario.

From left to right: Dr. Kevin McCormick (President and Vice-Chancellor of Huntington University and Chair of the NOCLD Board), Mr. Allan Giles (Director, Business Banking, Northern Credit Union), Ms. Suzette Gauthier (Ontario Trillium Foundation representative), Ms. Mary-Liz Warwick (Executive Director, NOCLD) and Mr. Brian Band (Director of Communications for MPP Glenn Thibeault).

(SUDBURY, ON) – The Northern Ontario Centre for Learning Differences (NOCLD) is growing! The NOCLD is a newly established organization tasked with the goal of increasing the reach of existing programs and services currently provided locally by the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury (LDAS). At a launch event held this morning in Greater Sudbury, it was announced that the NOCLD will soon expand Learning Disabilities Association programs and services to North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins.

“Our government realizes the important work being done by the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury,” said Glenn Thibeault, MPP for Sudbury. “This funding allows the LDAS to expand its programs right across Northern Ontario and thus provide service and help to more students in need. I again want to congratulate management and staff for their hard work

and dedication. I know the Northern Ontario Centre for Learning Differences will be a huge success.”

“We are very excited to officially launch the NOCLD,” said Mary-Liz Warwick, Executive Director of the NOCLD. “Thanks to the three-year, \$600,000 Grow grant our organization received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) earlier this year, the NOCLD has been able to hire full-time Resource Facilitators for the offices in North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. A part-time Resource Facilitator will also be hired later this month for the Learning Disabilities Association office to be established in Timmins.”

The expansion of services and programs across Northeastern Ontario will equip 1,050 youth who have learning disabilities, and their families, with the tools needed to develop critical emotional and social skills. These skills will lead to success in educational pursuits and eventually meaningful employment. The NOCLD has also formed an important partnership with Northern Credit Union. This partnership will help build sustainability for the continuation of programs and services across Northeastern Ontario beyond the three-year OTF Grow grant.

“The launch of the NOCLD is a testament to what happens when passionate and dedicated people come together in support of creating empowering and highly innovative strategies to support ALL learners, teachers and families who support them,” said Dr. Kevin McCormick, President and Vice-Chancellor of Huntington University and Chair of the NOCLD Board.

The leading grantmaking foundation in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities. The NOCLD is also supported by Huntington University which houses the organization’s main office in Greater Sudbury.

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