

## **NOCLD OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES A FULL TIME OFFICE IN NORTH BAY**



The Learning Disabilities Association of North Bay and Area launched their full time office at a media event held on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at One Kids Place. The seeds have been planted to grow brighter futures for students with learning differences and their families across Northeastern Ontario.

From left to right: Ms. Mary-Liz Warwick (Executive Director, NOCLD), Mr. Denis Filiatrault (Executive Director, One Kids Place) Ms. Stefanie Reading (Resource Facilitator), Ms. Marie Derosier (Chair, Community Advisory Committee) and Mr. Vic Fedeli (North Bay MPP).

**(NORTH BAY, ON)** – The Northern Ontario Centre for Learning Differences (NOCLD) is growing across the North. The NOCLD is a newly established organization tasked with the goal of increasing the reach of existing programs and services currently provided by the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury (LDAS). At a launch event held today, it was announced that the NOCLD has expanded the Learning Disabilities Association programs and services in North Bay.

“The Ontario Trillium Foundation funding will allow the Northern Ontario Centre for Learning Differences to expand programs and services right across Northern Ontario,” said Vic Fedeli, MPP for North Bay. “By establishing a full time Learning Disabilities Association here in North Bay they will be able to provide services and supports to more students and parents in our area. I want to congratulate the organization on their official launch. I know the Learning Disabilities Association of North Bay and Area will be a huge success.”

The expansion of services and programs across Northeastern Ontario will equip over a thousand 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.

“We are very excited to officially launch a full-time Learning Disabilities Association here in North Bay,” 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 earlier this year, the NOCLD has been able to hire a full-time Resource Facilitator to oversee the programs and services being offered in North Bay.”

The NOCLD has also formed an important partnership with One Kids Place Children’s Treatment Centre. This partnership will help build sustainability for the continuation of programs and services across the North Bay area. It was announced today that the Learning Disabilities Association of North Bay and Area will be housed in One Kids Place.

“One Kids Place is excited to partner with the NOCLD,” stated Dennis Filiatrault, Executive Director of One Kids Place (OKP). “Having the NOCLD in OKP will help to create a synergy for our staff that will be a significant benefit to the children and youth we serve while staying true to our cornerstone of “FOR OUR KIDS / POUR NOS ENFANTS.”

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

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