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**EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT:
WHY WE NEED A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN HOW WE THINK ABOUT &
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN
April 16 – 21, Various Locations, Nova Scotia**

Upcoming free, public presentations and workshop series across Nova Scotia from April 16-21 with Dr. Clyde Hertzman, a passionate national expert on early child development.

Friday, April 16th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm - Bridgewater Presentation

Location: 130 North Park Street, Bridgewater

Saturday, April 17 from 9:00 am -12 pm– Halifax Workshop

Location: NSTU Building, 3106 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax. *Please RSVP: tmgriffin@eastlink.ca

Monday, April 19 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm – Lunenburg County Presentation

Location: Oak Island Inn, 36 Treasure Drive, Western Shore

Tuesday, April 20 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Kentville Presentation

Location: Nova Scotia Community College, Kingstec Campus, 236 Belcher St., Kentville

Wednesday, April 21 from 2:30 – 4:30 pm – Truro Presentation

Location: Holiday Inn, 437 Prince Street, Truro. Please RSVP to 893-3342.

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Background: One-quarter of Canada's children under age 6 are experiencing some learning or behavioural difficulty. These problems in the early years have been shown to correlate with later difficulties in school performance, social adjustment and health (McCain, Mustard, and Shanker, 2007). We know a great deal about how societies can invest in the early childhood years to reduce vulnerability and encourage optimal development. The evidence suggests that wise investments in the early years would produce lifelong development benefits and significant economic returns to society.

Dr. Clyde Hertzman will focus his presentation on:

- the science of ECD
- its impact on health, well-being, learning and behaviour across a child's lifespan
- the information needed to monitor children's development and well-being over time
- the need for a fundamental shift in how we think about health, education and human capital investment
- designing a comprehensive, integrated ECD system aligned with education and health.

JOIN the NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, the NOVA SCOTIA COUNCIL for EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT and Dr. CLYDE HERTZMAN, for a discussion about the connection between ECD and Schools, why it matters, and what we should do about it.

Bio: Dr. Hertzman is Canada Research Chair in Population Health and Human Development, President of the Council for Early Child Development (CECD), Director of the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP), and Professor in the School of Population and Public Health at UBC. Under Dr. Hertzman's leadership, HELP has developed into an internationally recognized and unique research network. HELP integrates social sciences with biomedical sciences in the study of life course development and its impact on society. In 2005, HELP was designated by the World Health

Organization as the Knowledge Hub on Early Child Development. Dr. Hertzman is Team Leader of the Knowledge Hub and the Global Knowledge Network. More information about Dr. Hertzman here: <http://www.earlylearning.ubc.ca/ClydeHertzman.htm>

For more information about CECD and/or HELP, visit www.councilecd.ca and www.earlylearning.ubc.ca.

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