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A GRADUATE'S STORY

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- Health Care Assistant Certificate (Home Support / Resident Care Attendant)
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Niki Lefebvre, a 2008 graduate of the Langley College Early Childhood Education Certificate program, talks about how education has changed her life. Niki is currently employed with Langley Community Services Society as the Early Childhood Refuge Coordinator with the The Early Years Refuge Project.

“I talk all the time about how wonderful Langley College is and how my education has helped me to get where I am today. I attended SFU and got a BA in English then taught for several years at a college in Surrey. Then I wanted to take my ECE. From 15 years old I wanted to have my own child care centre. I found Langley College and I was really impressed. It was smaller, more intimate. The program had more substance than other programs and I really liked the fulltime option.

I loved my experience at Langley College. I can't believe how it changed my life—even more than university. The learning was so relevant ... the courses are amazing.

I found the practicums so helpful—3 different settings. It was great to have a variety of settings. I did my last practicum at my workplace. Working there was excellent, a beautiful facility with lots of materials, but then I saw an ad for Langley Community Services Society.

I knew about the Society because during my studies at the college we went there on a field trip. I wouldn't have known about all the other ways of using ECE if I hadn't found out from Langley College. Now that I am in the community I realize how important it is to learn about the community in class.

This is such an interesting job—a huge learning curve.

I am currently working for a community based agency as an Early Childhood Educator for refugee children aged 0-6. My job has been to establish a 2 hour program, four days per week for children and their caregivers to experience play-based learning material in a modified early childhood care setting. Most of the children and caregivers who attend the program have lived in refugee camps for as long as 20 years and have moved to Langley over the last 2 years. My job has primarily been to purchase developmentally appropriate material for the program; establish a consistent routine; and develop and modify early learning material to help promote and improve literacy skills. *cont. on page 2*



Making “flubber” with the children

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Our program offers time for open-ended free play, various art activities, and two circle times where literacy activities are introduced and repeated weekly for the children and caregivers. After seven months of working in this position, I am very happy to report that the once quiet and shy children are now able to speak English! The

children love to sing and infants as young as 6 months old respond best when sung to! Books have traditionally been unavailable to the refugee children and not a part of the average household. However, I have noticed that finding reading material that can be sung has engaged the children and allowed speech to be heard quicker, and language attained faster. There has been more learn-

ing on my part than teaching, as each day poses new challenges, but I know that my education attained from Langley College has strongly prepared me for the most rewarding teaching position I could ever hope for."

Langley College congratulates Niki on her accomplishments in the ECE field and wishes her continued success in the future.

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

Langley College holds a licencing agreement with the provincial government to offer the new Health Care Assistant program. The HCA Certificate is a dual program preparing students for work in Home Support and Residential Care.

Our current class of students is completing their classroom hours and in mid-March will start clinical in local residential facilities. When asked their thoughts on their education so far, they responded ...

My instructor "... encourages us ... is awesome ... teaches each course in-depth ... is very realistic ... is very warm ... gives me the courage to

study ... wants us to succeed."

The HCA program "... is a very good program ... very interesting course and the time goes fast ... is enjoyable ... teaches us how to be compassionate to the elderly ...

teaches how to provide care to those who are in need. I made a great choice. I would recommend this program to those that are interested in doing something good in their life."



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