

Good morning,

We are thrilled to announce an exciting project titled, *"Talking, Singing, Reading... Everyone, Everywhere,"* funded by The Walton Foundation, which enables the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) to collaborate with the Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick.

The aim of the project is to enhance literacy practices in early childhood environments through the training of Literacy Mentors. We are currently seeking educators who are interested in participating in the training to become literacy mentors. This will equip ECEs with additional knowledge and skills to support their colleagues.

We are excited to reach out and ask for your help in identifying outstanding educators who would be ideal for this amazing opportunity. To be eligible, educators must have completed the training on the New Brunswick Early Learning Curriculum Framework (through the online module or within their ECE certificate course).

This new literacy project is a year-long commitment that involves participating in three 2-day workshops. Some workshops may occur during the week, so it's crucial for facilities to be prepared to cover the educator who is participating in the training if needed. Alongside the workshops, the participants will be committing to attending four evening communities of practice and participating in a sharing day on a weekend at the conclusion of the training.

Educators participating in this training will be entitled to receive a stipend for the training days and mileage from the department. In addition, they will have the opportunity to gain continuing professional development hours, access professional resources such as storytelling materials and children's picture books, receive coaching, and benefit from practical support provided by the Early Years Literacy and Transition Consultant in their district through Communities of Practice.

We understand that this is a significant request and commitment, and we appreciate all the dedication to the early childhood field, as well as the growth of our literacy skills and awareness in each district. If you have an educator working in your facility who would be interested in participating in this opportunity, please contact the early learning consultant for your district:

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Sincerely,

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