**Stakeholder Newsletter**  
**September 2012**

**Partnering for Change (P4C)**

We are excited to provide you with an update on our progress! We continue to share the results of the P4C study at conferences and are continuing to increase awareness of developmental coordination disorder (DCD). We are committed to moving the P4C service delivery model forward and we have been invited to submit a proposal to the Ministry of Health for future funding. We have also received funding to develop two additional online educational module/workshops to increase knowledge of DCD for physicians and physiotherapists. We will continue to keep stakeholders informed of our progress.

**Now Available – Online Education about DCD**

We have an online workshop available on the *CanChild* website designed to increase knowledge about DCD and other motor coordination challenges and to increase confidence in supporting a child's development and participation. It was designed originally for parents, but is useful for others as well including teachers, health professionals, coaches, family members and friends. It is interactive in nature and takes approximately 60 minutes to go through, but can also be done in shorter segments. The workshop explains what DCD is and provides an overview of the causes of DCD, how DCD is diagnosed, typical motor development and of other health conditions that are related to DCD. Users can view video clips and complete an exercise that guides them to feel what it is like to have DCD.


**Just Received – Funding to develop DCD workshops for Physicians and Physiotherapists**


We are currently designing two additional DCD workshops, one for Physicians and another for Physiotherapists. These will be available on the *CanChild* website in spring 2013.

**Spreading the Word – Recent Publications and Presentations about P4C**

*Published Articles*


If you would like a copy of a published article(s), please email our research assistant (Rhea Makund, makundrn@mcmaster.ca) indicating which article(s) you are interested in.

Presentations: Peer-Reviewed


Missiuna, C., Pollock, N., & Cairney, J. (2012, June). What may be happening to those “fine motor kids”? Paper presented at the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference, Quebec City, QC.


Missiuna, C., Polatajko, H., & Pollock, N. (2012, June). Evolving toward more strategic management of children with DCD. Extended Discussion at the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference, Québec City, QC.


**Parent Advocacy/Support Group**

We facilitated the formation of a local parent advocacy/support group for parents of children with DCD. The group has had one meeting and plan to meet 3-4 times a year and stay connected through email. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this group, email decolac@mcmaster.ca.

Please do not hesitate to contact Cindy DeCola, Project Coordinator, at decolac@mcmaster.ca or at (905) 525-9140 ext. 26074 for further information or with any comments or questions.

Thank you again for your continued interest and support!

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