



Welcome to our new website which we hope you are able to navigate with greater ease and also our new look which we feel is more in tune with the times. We have increased our entry portals to accommodate language and location.

It has been a year now since the Nipissing Screen has been available free on the web to all residents of Ontario through a licensing agreement set up with the Province of Ontario – Ministry of Children and Youth Services. (see *Newsletter 2007*) All residents can now access the Nipissing Screen through a separate portal on our NDDS home page. They can download it as a pdf file or complete it interactively on the web and make a copy all for free thanks to this agreement with the Ontario government. We see this as an excellent way to make the Nipissing available to all in Ontario especially the parents of young children which has always been our goal in developing this screening tool.

New Brunswick has also endorsed the Nipissing Screen as their official early childhood developmental screening tool. Marketing in Alberta has been successful as many of their Parent Link programs are now using the Nipissing as an easy to use screening tool with their parents. We continue to market the Nipissing and also offer training on its' use across Canada from Prince Edward Island to Vancouver at various medical, child development and childcare conferences. Contact us to see if we are coming to a location near you.

We continue to work hard to improve our product (Nipissing Screen) – an innovative, easy to use screening tool for early detection of problems in a child's development – so it is easier to order, affordable and available now in five languages (English, French, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese). Our interactive screen was finalized and launched in English in 2006 and is now also available in French as well. All our products can now be ordered online for your convenience at www.ndds.ca. "The Internet changes everything" is an often used cliché and we on the Board of the NDDS are pleased to be able to offer our product on this rapidly growing medium.

Our USA counterpart – NDDS USA – has been in operation since 2004 to better service our American customers. We have been marketing our product in the States by attending conferences. The most recently attended were the Headstart conference in Michigan (February 2006), NAEYC Conference in Atlanta GA (November 2006) and Zero to Three in Orlando FL (November 2007). The American groups at the conferences were excited to finally have an affordable and easy to use tool at their disposal. Also it was wonderful to finally meet some of our customers from Utah and Michigan who have been using the Screen over the last couple of years. We have also advertised in various journals and have initiated a postcard campaign targeted to Headstart programs in several states. The American Board of Directors will continue to work hard to support our customers throughout the United States and to find ways to spread the word about this innovative screening tool.