



ASED Planning Underway

Going for Gold: Motivated for Excellence
National Respiratory Care and Education Conference
November 12 – 14, 2009
The Fairmont Chateau Whistler
Whistler, BC

The ASED Planning Committee, met recently for a weekend planning session. Members of the planning team include:
Margot Underwood, RN, BN, CRE (**Chair**)
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Cheryl Connors, (Caledon, ON) (CNAC Executive Director)

The planning committee is working very hard to ensure that this conference, "**Going for Gold: Motivated for Excellence**" reflects the continuing education needs of our Certified Asthma and Respiratory Educators. **Do you have an idea for a plenary session or workshop?**

Please contact **CNAC Executive Director, Cheryl Connors**, with your ideas at (905) 880-1092 or email cconnors@cnac.net. The planning committee will definitely welcome your input.

Starlight Children's Foundation Produces Quality Asthma Video Game

We were contacted recently by the Starlight Children's Foundation. For those of you who are not familiar with the Starlight Children's Foundation, they are a charity that offers a comprehensive menu of outpatient, hospital-based and web offerings that provide ongoing support for children and families — from diagnosis through the entire course of medical treatment. Programs include: family activities and outings, in-hospital entertainment technology, online communities and interactive websites, in-hospital playrooms, kid-friendly treatment rooms and special events as well as educational programming. For more than 25 years, Starlight Children's Foundation has dedicated itself to improving the quality of life for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses and life-altering injuries by providing entertainment, education and family activities that help them cope with the pain, fear and isolation of prolonged illness.

Starlight has produced a high-quality video asthma game, called "Quest for the Code®". It is available free online! The game is aimed at children and teens aged 7 to 15. It was produced by Steven Spielberg and features the amazing voice talent of Whoopi Goldberg, Kelsey Grammar, Gwyneth Paltrow, Cuba Gooding Jr., General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Glenn Close & Shaquille O'Neal.

Kids play games as they learn about early warning signs & symptoms, identify & avoiding asthma triggers, myths about asthma, how asthma affects the lungs, proper use of asthma medication devices, long-term control and quick-relief medicine, measuring and monitoring peak flow and how to answer questions from peers about asthma. There is even a section on Parent's Resources and a Kid's Glossary.

Click here to access this fantastic game: <http://www.starlight.org/asthma/>.

If you would like to receive complimentary copies of "Quest for the Code®" on CD-Rom for your clients who do not have Internet access, please contact Christina Song, the Hospital Technology Coordinator at the Starlight Children's Foundation Canada at:
1-800-880-1004 ext. 227 or email: christina@starlightcanada.org.



Call for Speakers at ASED

You should have recently received a "Call for Speakers" for ASED. We are looking for CAEs and CREs to present in the plenary sessions at our upcoming conference in Whistler, BC.

We are looking for speakers with excellent public speaking skills and experience speaking in front of large groups. We would also like you to have strong current knowledge of respiratory care and education (particularly asthma, related allergy and COPD). Presentations should be 30 – 45 minutes and include time (15 minutes) for Q&A. Preference will be given to presentations that focus on CAE and CRE National Learning Objectives.

Proposals outlining your planned presentation, experience and qualifications must be received by February 28, 2009. This is your chance to showcase your talents to your peers! We look forward to hearing from you!

(We will also be looking for facilitators for workshops. We will be in touch with more information about the workshops soon.)

For further information, contact:

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JOB LISTING

A Community Health Centre in central Ottawa is looking for a CAE or CRE with a background in COPD rehabilitation and Asthma Education. Demonstrated competency in spirometry testing, English required, other languages an asset, licensed with an Ontario Regulated College, current CPR certification, excellent communication and interpersonal skills required.

**Contact: Laurie Taylor RRT, CRE, SWCHC, 55 Eccles Street, Ottawa, ON K1R 6S3
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