MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between:

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as Represented by the Minister of Health through the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)
785 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario
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and

Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN)
Organization of American States
Av. 8 de Octubre 2904, Casilla de Correo 16212
Montevideo (11600), Uruguay

WHEREAS
The Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program, more fully described in Schedule A, is an initiative of PHAC. All rights, including copyright, distribution and management are held by PHAC.

AND WHEREAS
The IIN, a specialized organization of the Organization of American States, seeks to enable increased awareness and support for the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program, by facilitating opportunities for multilateral discussions through the IIN Directing Council about the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program and between IIN Member States and PHAC, as an action under the IIN’s 2015-2019 Action Plan priority to eradicate violence against children in the Americas region.

AND WHEREAS
There is a mutual interest in expanding IIN Member States’ awareness and support for the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program, a Canadian best practice parenting program which can be adapted internationally, in order to:
• Promote the rights of children in the Americas region;
• Encourage stronger family bonds and positive parenting experiential learning through a facilitated learning process;
• Demonstrate joint action to support the IIN’s 2015-2019 Action Plan priority focus on the eradication of violence against children; and
• Increase adoption and adaptation of the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program as a best practice in the Americas region, where appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE
The Participants agree to promote increased awareness of the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program with IIN Member States by sharing information about the program through the IIN Directing Council and other appropriate mechanisms (e.g., webinars, emails). The IIN Directing Council will facilitate bilateral discussions between interested Member States and PHAC. PHAC will lead the development of licensing agreements directly with interested Member States, when appropriate.
1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between PHAC and IIN, hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”, describes an arrangement to be entered into by the Participants.

1.2 This MOU is not legally binding and places no legal obligation on the Participants.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 To establish an understanding between the Participants concerning their respective roles and responsibilities in the promotion of the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program.

2.2 To encourage and support ongoing multilateral and bilateral discussion about the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program among and between IIN Member States and PHAC including information on program design, evaluation findings, and the process for international adaptation.

2.3 To facilitate dialogue between appropriate Member State representatives and PHAC, through the IIN Directing Council, in order to support individual IIN Member States’ desire to implement and adapt the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program in their respective geographical areas. Such implementation and adaptation would include licensing arrangements, facilitator training and community engagement, and would fall outside the scope of this MOU.

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Each Participant will cooperate fully and openly in the efforts to promote the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program through the IIN Directing Council and other appropriate mechanisms (e.g., webinars, emails, other activities of the IIN). PHAC will provide information in the form of presentations, discussions, and written documentation related to the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program as well as the process for international adoption and adaptation with interested Member States, as appropriate.

3.2 PHAC does not intend to provide, under this MOU, any of PHAC’s proprietary materials that from the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program, (including, but not limited to, the Parent Kit and training materials) or provide any right to reproduce, distribute, or modify any of PHAC’s proprietary materials. Rather, PHAC may undertake to negotiate specific licensing arrangements with individual IIN’s Member States regarding PHAC’s proprietary materials covering specific geographic areas.

3.3 The IIN will provide opportunities for multilateral discussion about the Nobody’s Perfect Parenting Program and facilitate connections between appropriate bilateral representatives from IIN Member States and PHAC in order to support wider discussion and uptake of the program in the Americas region as a best practice.

4. AMENDMENT

4.1 This MOU may be amended only with the written mutual consent of the Participants.

5. DURATION, WITHDRAWL AND TERMINATION

5.1 This MOU will remain in effect for a period three (3) years from the effective date, reflecting that this joint effort is an activity under the IIN’s 2015-2019 Action Plan.

5.2 Either Participant may withdraw, at any time, upon presentation of 30 days written notice.

5.3 This MOU may be terminated at any time, with the mutual written consent of the Participants.
6. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

6.1 Nothing in this MOU constitutes an express or implied waiver of the privileges and immunities of the OAS or the GS/OAS, its personnel and its assets pursuant to the following provisions and instruments ratified by the Government of Canada: Articles 133, 134 and 136 of the OAS Charter, whose instrument of ratification was deposited by the Government of Canada the 1 of August of 1990 and to THE GOVERNMENT’s regulatory instrument P.C 1999-1491 of August 26, 1999, “Organization of American States privileges and Immunities in Canada Order”, as amended by THE GOVERNMENT’s regulatory instrument P.C. 2000-660 of May 4, 2000, “Order Amending the Organization of American States privileges and immunities in Canada Order.”

7. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

7.1 This MOU becomes effective upon the date of the later signature.

7.2 This Memorandum of Understanding is hereby signed by the Director General of the IIN, ad referendum of the Directing Council of the IIN.

For:
Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as Represented by the Minister of Health through the Public Health Agency of Canada

Anna Romano
Director General, Centre for Health Promotion

For:
Inter-American Children’s Institute
Organization of American States

Victor Giorgi
Director General, Inter-American Children’s Institute

Sept 21 / 2016
Date

Sept 28 / 2016
Date
SCHEDULE A

_Nobody's Perfect_ is a facilitated, community-based parenting program for parents of children from birth to age five. The program is designed to meet the needs of parents who are young, single, socially or geographically isolated, or who have low income or limited formal education. Trained facilitators offer the _Nobody's Perfect_ Parenting Program using a learner-centered, strengths-based approach, in line with the concepts of adult learning.

Within a group setting, parents participate in a facilitated learning process that promotes positive parenting; increases parents’ understanding of children’s health, safety, and behaviour; helps parents build on the skills they have and learn new ones; improves parents’ self-esteem and coping skills; increases self-help and mutual support; and brings the parents into contact with community services and resources. Participation is voluntary and free of charge to parents.

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Health acting through the Public Health Agency of Canada is the sole owner of copyright of the _Nobody’s Perfect_ Parenting Program material. The _Nobody’s Perfect_ Parenting Program material is delivered across Canada through provincial and territorial organizations, as well as internationally.

The _Nobody’s Perfect_ Parent Kit consists of a series of five books named _Safety, Body, Behaviour, Parents, and Mind_, as well as a _Growth Chart_ and a _Your Child’s Development chart_.

The _Nobody’s Perfect_ uses a ‘train-the-trainer’ approach to training facilitators, trainers, and master trainers. Facilitators work directly with parents within their communities. Trainers provide training sessions to individuals wishing to become facilitators. Master trainers provide training to existing facilitators who want to become trainers. The training material consists of the _Nobody’s Perfect Facilitator Guide_ and the _Nobody’s Perfect Trainer Training Manual_.

All program materials are available in both English and French as separate documents.