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BC Aboriginal Child Care Society

Happy Halloween!

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- * BC ACCS Training Conference **Sold Out!**

Hay Chxwq'a! Kukstemc! Meegwetch! Mussi Cho! We are delighted to have such a strong response to our 14th annual training conference. **As of today, our conference is officially sold out.** To the 250+ delegates who will be joining us- we wish you safe travels and look forward to greeting you in Musqueam territory on November 10 (for those attending the pre-conference training) and November 11 for the conference.

* [BC ACCS AGM- 5:00 pm Thursday November 10, 2011 at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel](#)

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BC ACCS) will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel (3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC). At that AGM, the members who are present will be asked to vote on amending the bylaws of BC ACCS. We will be seeking this Special Resolution from the members:

A Special Resolution Adopting the Draft Bylaws as Amended

Whereas the Board of Directors undertook to revise its bylaws at its meeting of January 21, 2011 as part of its strategic review;

Whereas the Board of Directors has reviewed and approved the proposed Draft Bylaws as Amended;

Whereas a copy of those Draft Bylaws as Amended is attached to this Resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members adopt the Draft Bylaws as Amended.

We encourage members to review these bylaws before the AGM, and to attend the AGM to vote on the bylaw amendment. Proposed Bylaw Amendment download:

<http://www.acc-society.bc.ca/documents/Bylaws-amendmentinformationforwebsiteposting2011.pdf>

RESOURCES

* [American “National Association for the Education of Young Children- Free Professional Development Resource](#)

NEXT for Young Children, a National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Professional Development Resource, is published electronically and released six times per year, to accompany each issue of *Young Children*. These ready-to-use guides build on content from selected articles—connecting research to practice, and encouraging reflection and application of new ideas.

NEXT for Young Children can be used in a variety of ways:

- * Teacher educators can use them in their classes.
- * Staff development specialists can use guides to design workshops.
- * Center directors and school principals can use them to plan staff meetings or training sessions.
- * Early childhood education students and practitioners may also wish to use guides alone or with colleagues or peers.

Free articles available for PDF download. Link to page: <http://www.naeyc.org/yc/next>

* [Halloween Safety Tips from Canadian Red Cross](#)

Source: <http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=6884&tid=021>

With witches, goblins, and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across Canada, the Canadian Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise

and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun!

- *Costumes should be light-colored and flame resistant with reflective strips so that children are more easily seen at night. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)*
- *Costumes should be short enough to avoid tripping.*
- *Remind children to keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)*
- *Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover the eyes.*
- *Remind children to walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks - not in the street.*
- *Explain to children that calls should be made along one side of the street first and then the other, and that it's best to cross the street only at intersections or crosswalks.*
- *Remind children to look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.*
- *Provide yourself or the children with a flashlight to see better and to be better seen.*
- *Have children plan their route and share it with you and the family.*
- *Trick or Treaters should travel in groups of four or five. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.*
- *Visit homes that have the porch light on.*
- *Make sure children know they should accept treats at the door and must not get into cars or enter the homes or apartments of strangers.*
- *Remind children not to eat their treats and goodies until they are examined by an adult at home. And candy should not be eaten if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.*
- *Make sure you and your children know where the Block Parent houses are located in the neighborhood.*
- *Set agreed-to boundaries with your children. Explain the importance of staying within them and arriving home on time.*

Link to Halloween Safety tips featured in Oct 14 Enews: About Kids Health website
<http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/En/HealthAZ/SafetyandtheEnvironment/OutdoorSafety/Pages/halloween-safety.aspx>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** BC Association of Family Resource Programs Annual General Meeting, Friday December 9, 2011, Vancouver, BC**

Date: Friday, December 9, 2011

Time: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm, Registration at 9:00 am

Location: Canadian Memorial Centre for Peace, 1825 W. 16th Ave., Vancouver,

Highlights of the AGM: * Keynote Address- Alberta Parent Link Centres: A range of community-based services and supports designed to strengthen families, improve parenting skills and foster optimal child development. * Guest Speaker: Crystal Elliott, R.P.N. Executive Director, Family Centre, Lethbridge, Alberta * Provincial Standards of Practice Certificate Presentations * 2011 Distinguished Service Awards Presentations * Networking Lunch

For more information: <http://www.frpbc.ca/>

Job Postings

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Job Title: [ECD Regional Coordinator- Contract](#) **NEW**
Organization: BC Ministry of Children and Family Development
Location: Vancouver Island, BC
Posted on: Oct 28, 2011 | Closing: November 4, 2011, 4:30 pm

Job Title: [Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Coordinator](#)
Organization: Success by 6 Prince George
Location: Prince George, BC
Posted on: Oct 20, 2011 | Closing: November 11, 2011, 4:30 pm

Job Title: [Aboriginal Early Intervention Team Consultant](#)
Organization: Victoria Native Friendship Centre
Location: Victoria, BC
Posted on: Oct 17, 2011 | Closing: Oct 31, 2011, 4:30 pm

Job Title: [Head Start Facilitator](#) (20 hr/week)
Organization: OIB Education
Location: Oliver, BC
Posted on: October 13, 2011 | Closing: November 1, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

*** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Getting Connected**

When: November 4-5, 2011

Where: Douglas College, New Westminster

Description: *learn about current & emerging promising initiatives in FASD practice & about building resources and supports for the community* network with families & professionals

For more information: <http://www.bcacl.org/events/2011-11-04/getting-connected-fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-4th-annual-fall-conference>

*** BC ACCS 14th Annual Training Conference **SOLD OUT!****

When: November 11-12, 2011

Where: Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond BC

Contact: Phone: 604-913-9128 Email: reception@acc-society.bc.ca

Description: Theme: Spiritual Health in Children

This year's conference theme will create opportunities for open dialogue between early childhood educators and others to consider how spirituality is developed in young children.

Some suggested workshop themes include: * Connections to Land * Ancestral Knowledge * Special Needs/Gifted Children * Assessment Tools * Traditional Protocol * Storytelling * Arts & Culture * Music & Movement * Language Teaching Methodologies * Generative Curriculum * Identity & Belonging * Father Involvement * Parenting.

For more information: http://acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/annual_conf.html

* **[Westcoast Child Care Resource Center Fall Conference](#)**

When: November 19, 2011

Where: Vancouver Community College Downtown Campus, Vancouver, BC

For more information: Tel: 604-709-5661, info@wstcoast.org

Link to registration package: www.wstcoast.org/pdf/Westcoast_conference11_reg.pdf

Description: This Westcoast Child Care's 3rd annual conference, providing 5 hours of credit towards ECE license renewal. The theme is: "Inspiring Excellence in Child Care and Early Learning"

For more information: www.wstcoast.org

* ADVANCE NOTICE **[15th Annual Children the Heart of the Matter Conference](#)**

When: February 3-4, 2012

Where: Bell Performing Arts Center, Surrey

Contact: check the CCRR website closer to the date for more details:

<http://www.childcareoptions.ca/conferences.php>

Description: Early Care and Learning Conference

* ADVANCE NOTICE **[International Innovations in Early Childhood Education A Canadian Forum on Early Childhood Frameworks](#)**

When: July 13-15, 2012

Where: Victoria, BC

Contact: uvicearlyyears@dearmondmanagement.com

Description: This conference, the first of its kind in Canada, brings renowned early childhood leaders from Reggio Emilia Italy, New Zealand, and Australia to Victoria, British Columbia for learning, sharing, and planning ways forward for Canada's young children and families. The conference is hosted by the [Unit for Early Years Research and Development](#), located at the University of Victoria's School of Child & Youth Care. The conference builds on the ongoing Investigating Quality project initiated by the Unit in 2005, which explores the links from theory to policy to practice.

Website for more information: www.uvicearlyyears.ca

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* *Job postings for your child care program*

* *Special announcements*

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