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BC ACCS NEWS

*** October 14, 2011- Early Bird Registration Rate Deadline BCACCS Training Conference**

The earlybird registration deadline is fast approaching. Please ensure to have your registration in by October 14 to take advantage of the special rates.

Link to Training Conference registration package: <http://www.acs-society.bc.ca/documents/BCACCS2011RegistrationBrochure.pdf>

***BC ACCS and Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures on Facebook**

Keep informed on the latest Aboriginal early childhood development and care news, resources, support, events on job postings

- “Friend” BC ACCS: <http://www.facebook.com/aboriginal.childcare>
- “Like” BC ACCS business Page: <http://www.facebook.com/BCACCS>

BCACCS’s new program Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures (Hummingbird ASF) has a profile page where their community visits and resources are regularly updated

- “Friend” Hummingbird ASF: <http://facebook.com/hummingbirdasf>

*** Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures in the News**

Coverage of the Hummingbird ASF launch in the Hashilthsa Newspaper

Link to article: <http://www.hashilthsa.com/news/2011-10-03/education-savings-build-foundation-child%E2%80%99s-future>

Hummingbird ASF Program Manager interviewed by CFNR personality Wild William Wesley for “Journeys” program

*** Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures presenting @ Whispering Pine/ Clinton First Nation General Band Meeting**

Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Future Program Manager, Vanessa Mountain, will be attending the Whispering Pines/ Clinton First Nation General Band Meeting

EVENT: Whispering Pines/ Clinton First Nation General Band Meeting

DATE: October 15, 2011

Time: Meeting starts at 11:30

LOCATION: Hoodoos at Sun Rivers, Kamloops

For more information about Hummingbird ASF participation at this event or to book a Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures presentation in your community

Email: info@hummingbirdasf.ca

Tel: 604-913-9128

Web: www.hummingbirdasf.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/hummingbirdasf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** MCFD ECD Fall Forum**

The Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) is hosting a one-day Early Childhood Development (ECD) forum in Vancouver on November 15, 2011. The purpose of the forum is to strengthen the provincial vision for ECD, and to develop strategies, both short and long-term, to realize this vision within the context of the current fiscal environment.

Children and Family Development Deputy Minister Stephen Brown will provide an introductory address at the forum, followed by keynote speaker Nora Spinks, CEO of the Vanier Institute of the Family.

The forum is a starting point and is intended as an initial dialogue on the direction of ECD. In order to facilitate meaningful discussion, attendance has been limited.

PLEASE NOTE: BC ACCS has been invited and will be in attendance. We look forward to sharing with you the outcomes of the forum.

RESOURCES

*** Keeping Kids on the Move**

Source:

<http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/En/News/NewsAndFeatures/Pages/Keeping-kids-on-the-move.aspx>

Making transportation better for children's health is a complex issue that goes far beyond the travel choices individual parents and children make each day. It involves schools, local governments, urban planners, public transit authorities, real estate developers, and more.

What can parents do?

While parents don't have control over all these issues, there are some things you can do right now. This is not a comprehensive list, but these ideas may help you get started.

- When transporting children, consider if the trip could be made on foot or by bicycle instead of by car.
- Involve your children in deciding how to get around. Given the choice, many children would prefer to walk, bicycle, or in-line skate instead of driving to get where they want to go.
- Be a role model. Use active transportation whenever you can.
- Walk and bicycle with your children; help them find the best routes to where they want to go, and teach them how to get around safely.
- Start teaching children how to use public transit at a young age.
- Participate in Car-Free Days. Encourage your neighbours and co-workers to participate as well.
- When driving, respect cyclists and pedestrians. Respect the speed limit, especially in residential areas.
- Start a Walking School Bus to get your child and your neighbours' children to school. A physically active commute can be a fun social time for kids.

- Get involved in making your child's school safer for children on foot. Try to get the school to give priority to pedestrians instead of cars and reduce idling and traffic congestion at drop-off points.
- Find out if your child's school has safe and secure storage for bicycles. If not, encourage the school to provide it. One school in England found that eliminating just three car parking spaces provided enough space for 52 bicycles.
- Encourage your child's school to show leadership. Many schools don't see getting children to school as their problem.
- Encourage community features like sidewalks, crosswalks, and bicycle paths that make active transportation safer and easier.

All of these individual choices are important. Where you live, though, has a huge impact on how easy these choices are to make.

Resources

You can find more information about active transportation and kids' health at the following sites:

- [Active & Safe Routes to School \(ASRTS\)](#)
- [Canada's Physical Activity Guides for Children and Youth](#) from the Public Health Agency of Canada
- Reports from the [Centre for Sustainable Transportation](#)
- [Kids on the Move](#) [PDF], a handbook published by the European Commission that contains information, practical suggestions, and case studies on child mobility from the point of view of parents, schools, local authorities, and children

For full article go to:

<http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/En/News/NewsAndFeatures/Pages/Keeping-kids-on-the-move.aspx>

Job Postings

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Job Title: [Project Manager, AECD Resource Kits \(Contract\)](#) **NEW**

Organization: Fraser Region Aboriginal ECD Network

Location: Agassiz, BC

Posted on: October 7, 2011 | Closing: October 14, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

*** Infant Mental Health Education Session/ Live Webcast**

When: October 13, 2011, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Where: The Chan Center at BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver & Live Webcast

Contact: Email: CHBCadmin@cw.bc.ca to be added to the contact list for more information

Description: The BC Healthy Child Development Alliance (BCHCDA) is hosting an educational session for those who provide infant mental health training. The purpose is to

familiarize trainers with the new educational materials that BCHCDA has developed in partnership with the Public Health Agency. Further information will be available mid-September.

* **[Healthy Families, Bright Futures: Family Services Conference](#)**

When: October 21, 2011, 9am – 4:00 pm

Where: Segal Graduate School, 500 Granville Street, Vancouver

Contact: Phone: 604-678-8884 Email: bccf@bccf.ca

Description: This full-day conference is focused on answering questions such as: “What are the supports families need to ensure positive outcomes for their children? How do we build community supports that serve vulnerable families with young children?

What are the approaches to family services that are working around our province?”

For more information and registration:

<https://www.bccf.ca/professionals/events/info?id=52&reset=1>

* **[HELP Fall Research Exposition](#)**

When: October 26, 2011, 1 pm- 7 pm

Where: Life Sciences Centre, 2350 Health Sciences Mall, UBC

Contact: Anita Ng, Event Coordinator Email: anita.ng@ubc.ca Phone: 604-827-5755

Description: The Human Early Learning Partnership’s 10 Years of Insight - Connecting the Dots will connect neuroscience, to child development in BC, to family policy.

More info & registration: <http://www.earlylearning.ubc.ca/events/register-now-fall-research-exposition/>

* **[Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Getting Connected](#)**

When: November 4-5, 2011

Where: Douglas College, New Westminster

Description: Conference participants will: *learn about current and emerging promising initiatives in FASD practice* learn about building resources and supports for the community* network and liaise with families and 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 Provincial Training Conference](#)**

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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* *Special announcements*

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