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BC ACCS NEWS

***BC ACCS New Program Launch- Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures**

Investing in the Future of B.C. Aboriginal Children *New Program Will Show Families Ways to Save for Post-Secondary*

Vancouver, September 29, 2011 – A new program to encourage Aboriginal families in British Columbia to invest in their children’s futures launches today. “We know that an education after high school can help our children follow their dreams and realize their full potential,” says Vanessa Mountain, Program Manager at Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures. “We as parents, extended family members and caregivers can support our children’s educational dreams by investing now and empowering their future.”

Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures is a non-profit program, run by the B.C. Aboriginal Child Care Society. Its goal is to encourage Aboriginal families across B.C. to plan for their children’s post-secondary education by opening a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP).

By investing in their children’s education, B.C.’s Aboriginal families and communities are gaining control of their futures, expanding their pool of education dollars and becoming more self-reliant.

“Our children are more likely to find meaningful employment after completing post-secondary education. That makes them better equipped to fulfill their chosen paths,” says Mountain. “What a great way to carry on the legacy of opportunities left by our ancestors”.

By opening an RESP, families and their children are automatically given access to a range of federal government grants and saving incentives to help with their children’s post-secondary education, including extra financial resources to cover expenses when they start post-secondary.

Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures will work at the grassroots level to inform families about just how easy it is to save – and how those savings will grow. Mountain says, “Going to the bank can be a bit daunting for some people; we want to make the process as clear and easy as possible for everyone.” Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures is brought to you by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society.

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For more information:

Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures website: www.hummingbirdasf.ca

Email: info@hummingbirdasf.ca

Or call BC ACCS office: 604-913-9128

*** Last Call for Nominations for BC Aboriginal Child Care Recognition Awards**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011

*Do you know a group that is making a difference in the lives of young children?
Can you think of someone who is dedicated to early childhood education?
We want to hear from you!*

The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society wishes to recognize ECE role models who support First Nations and/or Métis language, culture, and traditions.

Previous award recipients have been recognized for their:

*community outreach, *work with special needs, *mentorship, *leadership skills, *training they developed, *sense of community, *pursuit of higher education, *volunteer activities, and *advocacy work.

*Can you think of anyone you know who is active in any of these areas?
Let us know about them!*

Nominate a person or a group today for the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society's 2011 Aboriginal Child Care Recognition Award

Download the PDF info sheet/nomination form from our website:

www.acc-society.bc.ca

For more information call or email Lynn

Tel: 604-913-9128 Ext 225

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*** Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures attending Nisga'a Elders/ Youth Gathering, Oct 4-5-6, 2011, Gitlaxt'aamiks**

Learn more about Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures Program (HASF) at the upcoming Nisga'a Elders/ Youth Gathering. Vanessa Mountain HASF Program Manager and Facilitator will be in attendance. About the event:

"BRIDGING THE GENERATION!"

OCT 4, 5, & 6, 2011,

GITLAXT'AAMIKS Rec Centre,

Gitkaxt'aamiks BC

HOSTED BY: Gitkaxt'aamiks Village Gov. & NLG Council of Elders

Contact: Darlene Morgan, (250)633-3100 or Fran Johnson (250)633-3000

Let us be as ONE: Elders, Youth, Parents, Grandchildren...

We welcome all elders and youth from the Nisga'a Nation to come and join us in the discussions regarding our Ayuuk.

This is a great opportunity to let the voices of our youth be heard, and to learn from our elders as they speak, encourage and advise.

For more information:

<http://www.nkn.ca/content/nisgaa-elders-youth-gathering-oct-4-5-62011-gitlaxtaamiks-bc>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** Narrative Skills Speakers Bureau- Conference**

Oct 18, Vancouver

The Narrative Skills Speakers Bureau and conference 'Speak! Listen! Connect!' offers professional development opportunities for those interested in developing further communication and relationships with team members, clients, patients, students and other employees through effective listening, speaking and storytelling skills. It is geared toward those in the 'helping professions' including: health care, education, social development, government service providers, administrators and community as well as corporate workers and leaders.

For more information: toll free at 1-866-255-7529 or website: <http://www.narrativeskills.com/>

If the conference dates do not work out at this time, please know that the Narrative Skills Speakers Bureau also offers Key Note Speakers who will travel to your community. Information on each speaker can be found at <http://www.narrativeskills.com/meet-our-team.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS

*** [2011 Canadian Association of Suicide Prevention Conference](#)**

New Conversations on Suicidality

When: October 3-5, 2011

Where: Vancouver, BC

Contact: Yolande Chang, UBC Interprofessional Continuing Education

Phone: 604.822.7708 Email: ipdocs@interchange.ubc.ca

For more information: <http://www.casp2011.ca/>

*** 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 (BHCDA) 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 BHCDA 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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