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### **ABOUT OUR ENEWS**

### **BC ACCS NEWS**

#### **\* [Training Conference Tables Available](#)**

We invite you to submit an application for the Marketplace at the 2011 BC ACCS Annual Provincial Training Conference. Taking place for the first time at the newly renovated Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, this year's conference will have the capacity to host approximately 200+ attendees! The hotel's floor plan will permit us to configure a Marketplace that will inhabit the main traffic areas of our conference.

**Click here to download marketplace application: [http://www.accs-society.bc.ca/files\\_new/documents/BCACCS2011TradeFairApplicationPackage.pdf](http://www.accs-society.bc.ca/files_new/documents/BCACCS2011TradeFairApplicationPackage.pdf)**

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**Theme: Spiritual Health in Children**

Children can have profound spiritual wisdom. This can manifest in many distinct forms, be it a fascination with animals, language learning, ancestral stories, ceremonial practice or connection to land. As Early Childhood Development professionals we need to recognize this connection and tailor our work towards providing opportunities for children to further understand the world they live in. 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.

**Special Guest Speaker:** Albert Pooley, President of the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association, is internationally known for his *Fatherhood/ Motherhood is Sacred* Programs.

**Conference Delegates:** \* Early Childhood Educators \* Family Child Care Workers \* Supported Child Care Consultants \* Infant Development Consultants \* Early Interventionists \* Researchers \* Policy-Makers \* Program Coordinators

**Training Workshops Topics:**

Program Evaluation \* Remembering to Play \* It Takes a Village \* Kids Have Stress Too!  
\* Making Space for Spiritual Safety in our Work \* Nutrition & Behaviour \* Musqueam  
Traditional Storytelling \* Setting our Priorities to get the Spirituality of the Child \* Moe &  
His Animal Friends Stimulate Aboriginal Children's Knowledge & Culture \* Utilising the EDI  
in Aboriginal Concepts \* Pine Needle Artistry: Make & Take \* The Balancing Act of Structure  
\* Emotional Toolkit for Children \* Drumming & Singing \* Parent-Child Attachment \*  
Embracing our Children as Comebacks, Spirit Returned \* Creative Circle \* Embracing our  
Spirit to Nurture the Children's Spirit \* Easy Ways to Give Children Healthy, Happy Smiles \*  
Inspiration, Innovations, Collaborations: Supporting AECD through Community Partnerships  
Cross-Cultural Work \* Consider the Children: Their Experiences of the Spiritual \* Head Start  
Self Evaluation \* Children's Environmental Health for Aboriginal Service Providers \*  
Exploring the Possibilities of Learning Stories as a Meaningful Approach to Early Childhood  
Education in Nunavik \* Creating a Vision for Staff Interactions \* Building the Okanagan  
AECD Framework: Traditional Stages of Child Development \* Aboriginal Fathers' Perspective  
on Father Involvement \* Teachings of the 13 Grandmothers \* Aboriginal Angel Doll Project  
for Children \* Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures

**Top reasons for attending the BC ACCS Conference:**

- Fulfilling Professional Accreditation (up to 15 accredited training hours)
- Quality of Workshops and Learning

**For more information/ Download Registration Package:**

[http://www.acc-society.bc.ca/files\\_new/annual\\_conf.html](http://www.acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/annual_conf.html)

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Reduced Rate on hotel cut-off date: October 24.* The reduced rate starts at \$109 for single occupancy. Please identify yourself as part of the **BC Aboriginal Child Care Society group.** **Delta Vancouver Airport Reservations: 1-800-268-1133**

## **[\\* Call for Nominations for BC Aboriginal Child Care Recognition Awards](#)**

*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**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011**

**Download the PDF info sheet/nomination form from our website:**  
[www.acc-society.bc.ca](http://www.acc-society.bc.ca)

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Web: [www.acc-society.bc.ca](http://www.acc-society.bc.ca)

## **RESOURCES**

\* [7 Cures for Nonprofit Writer's block](#)

Post originally from NonProfit Marketing Guide President Kivi Leroux Miller

*Not sure what to write about? Get out of your own head and look around for inspiration. Here are my seven favorite sources of ideas.*

**1. Look at Current Headlines.** *Peruse the covers of magazines and look at the titles. Can you adjust a few words and come up with a title for an article for your publications? This is easier to do with printed magazines than online, so take a walk to your local news stand or grocery store.*

*Take a past cover of Vogue. We see "The Dream Life of Penelope Cruz" and "Fish Out of Water: Jon-Jon Goulian." Could you write about the dream life of one of your clients? How are some of the people you work with (someone on your staff, a volunteer, etc.) like a fish out of water? Use headlines to help you uncover stories that are already around you, but you just can't see them for what they are.*

**2. Look at the Calendar and Holidays.** Every month of the year includes holidays -- real and creatively imagined by various organizations to highlight issues and causes

**3. Pick the Format First.** There are several tried-and-true article formats that readers generally love. When I'm struggling for ideas, I'll often decide, "OK, I'm going to write a Top Ten list. Or I'm going to write a how-to article with five steps." That gives me just enough structure to get started.

Here are my top five favorite formats:

- How-to Article
- List (e.g. Top Ten)
- Fact versus Fiction (or True or False)
- Advice (usually in response to a question)
- Roundup (group several smaller items together under a common theme)

**4. Fill in the Headline.** Like picking the format first, this gives you a push in the right direction. Copyblogger offers several [fill in the blank headlines](#). These are some of my favorites for nonprofits:

- The Secret of [blank]
- Get Rid of [problem] Once and For All
- [Do something] like [world-class example]
- Have a [or] Build a [blank] You Can Be Proud Of
- The Lazy [blank's] Way to [blank]
- Do You Recognize the [number] Early Warning Signs of [blank]?
- You Don't Have to Be [something challenging] to be [desired result].

**5. Start with a Metaphor.** Granted, this approach usually requires a little time for brainstorming, but the results can be very powerful. Pick a topic, and see how you can use it to describe your work. From that, story ideas will flow. For example, how is your work like gardening? Or travel? Or parenting? Download my free e-book, [25 Metaphors Nonprofits Can Use to Get Their Messages Across](#) for many more metaphor ideas and tips on how to use them in your writing.

**6. Survey Your Readers.** This won't work for writer's block you need to solve today, but it's the best solution long-term. Go to the people you are trying to serve with your writing and ask them what problems they are facing, what issues they are interested in, what surprised them recently about your work, etc. Get a better understanding of the information needs and interests of your readers, and deliver matching content.

**7. Ask a Question on Facebook.** If you don't have time for a survey, but still have 48 hours before you really need the idea, throw it out to your supporters on your Facebook page (Twitter works too). Ask what questions fans have about a topic, what they want to learn more about, or poll them to narrow down a list of ideas you already have.

**Original Post Source Link:**

<http://www.nonprofitmarketingguide.com/resources/copywriting/7-cures-for-nonprofit-writers-block/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### \* **Caregiver Information Sessions 2011**

**When:** September 29, 2011, 5-8 pm,

**Where:** Minister of Children and Family Development, Aboriginal Services 1st Floor, 1195 Esquimalt Rd, Victoria

**Contact:** Rebeca Ragsdale: (250)952-4041 or email [Rebeca.Ragsdale@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rebeca.Ragsdale@gov.bc.ca)

**Description:** Learn more about how to foster Aboriginal Children and youth.

### \* **[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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/annual_conf.html)

\* **[Success By 6 Distribution and Train-the-Trainer Sessions for the Granny & Grandpa Connections Box](#)**

**Date:** November 18, 2011

**Times:** 8:30 to 12 noon (Session 1), 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. (Session 2)

**Location:** Henry Gube Education Centre, 245 Kitchener Crescent, Kamloops BC

**Contact Person:** Francy Hayward, Success by 6 Coordinator

Telephone: 250 372 9933 Fax: 250 372 5926 Email: [francy@unitedwaytnc.ca](mailto:francy@unitedwaytnc.ca)

**Description:** 2 training sessions which are being hosted by the Thompson-Nicola-Cariboo Success By 6 initiative. The Connections Box, as it is often called, is a learning resource and has one interchangeable puppet, a child-size drum, rattle, paddle, sash, and several plush stuffed animals. The kit also contains a "Guide" and "Training & Orientation DVD". Designed as an interactive cultural resource for parents and caregivers to engage families with their children, this resource is aimed at raising the awareness of the importance of the early years through the belief, understanding and teaching that culture and language is the foundation for young Aboriginal children's development. Additionally, it emphasizes the roles of grandparents and elders in raising children and supporting parents.

\* **[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](mailto:info@wstcoast.org)

Link to registration package: [www.wstcoast.org/pdf/Westcoast\\_conference11\\_reg.pdf](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.uvicearlyyears.ca)

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\* *Job postings for your child care program*

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