

July 29, 2011 E-newsletter

BC Aboriginal Child Care Society

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- * Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Getting Connected (Nov 4-5, 2011)
- * BC ACCS 14th Annual Provincial Training Conference (Nov 11-12, 2011)
- * Success by 6 - Regional Training Sessions 2011-2012
- * 15th Annual Children the Heart of the Matter Conference (Feb 3-4, 2012)

ABOUT OUR ENEWS

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8:30- 4:30 Monday to Friday, effective immediately.

* **Find BC ACCS on Facebook for daily updates and links to great resources**

Our profile where you can “friend” us:
<http://www.facebook.com/aboriginal.childcare>

Our “business page” where you can “like” us:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/BC-Aboriginal-Child-Care-Society/245673728781060>

* **Advance Notice- *Save the Date* — November 11-12, 2011**
BC ACCS 14th Annual Provincial Training Conference
Embracing our Children’s Spirit.

Location: Richmond BC

Theme: Spiritual Health in Children

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

RESOURCES

* **About Kids Health**

Provides parents, children, and first-tier health care providers with free, evidence-based information about everyday health and complex medical conditions.

**Company
Overview**

Canadian online source for child health information. Developed by SickKids Learning Institute in collaboration with over 300 paediatric health specialists, the site provides parents, children, and community health care providers with evidence-based information about everyday health and complex medical conditions, from insect bites to adhd.

Website: <http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/>

* **Mentor Kids Now**

About the Who’s Your Mentor?TM campaign

Who’s Your Mentor?TM is an online video series developed by kids.now, to promote youth mentoring. We asked well-known Canadian businesspeople, community leaders, Olympians, and media personalities to talk about a mentor in their business or personal lives who inspired them or helped get them where they are today. Many also shared their views on the importance of mentoring, and why it’s important to mentor the next generation of leaders.

Website: <http://mentorkidsnow.ca/>

* **Inspirational PDF Flip-Book from Start Strong.**
“If I had a magic wand: young children’s vision and ideas for early care and education service”

A full text PDF flip-book that presents children's own visions and ideas of what their early care and education should be like. Young children are experts on their own lives. If we are to develop

policies that are in children's interests, then we must listen carefully to what children themselves have to say.

More than 600 children took part in the consultation process that led to the publication of this book. The process was part of a wider consultation that Start Strong carried out in its [Children 2020 project](#) on the future of children's early care and education in Ireland.

View the book via the Childcare Resource and Research Unit:

<http://childcarecanada.org/documents/research-policy-practice/11/07/if-i-had-magic-wand-young-childrens-visions-and-ideas-early>

ANNOUCEMENTS

*** Open letter: First Nations leaders support re-appointment of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond**

Source: Georgia Straight | Publish Date: July 28, 2011

Link to article: <http://www.straight.com/article-412396/vancouver/open-letter-first-nations-leaders-support-reappointment-mary-ellen-turPELLafond>

Link to press release (UBCIC website):

http://www.ubcic.bc.ca/News_Releases/UBCICNews07281101.html

FUNDING

*** Expressions of Interest for FirstVoices Project**

The First Peoples' Heritage Language and Culture Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from B.C. First Nations who wish to document their languages at FirstVoices.com.

The B.C. FirstVoices Language Documentation Project 2011–12 will provide B.C. community-based language documentation teams with training, technical support, equipment and funding to build language resources at FirstVoices.com—with the option to create language dictionary applications for the iPad/iPhone/iTouch.

Expression of Interest applications must be received by **August 5, 2011**.

MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.fphlcc.ca/>

*** Aboriginal ECD Reinvestment Initiative**

Call for Applications for 2011-12 Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Reinvestment Initiative Grant Programs. 1 grant program remaining:

*** Program Enhancements (up to \$15,000)**

DEADLINE: August 12, 2011

The grants are similar to 2010's grant programs, but there have been some clarifications made regarding eligible and ineligible grant expenses and about the mandatory supporting documents that must be included with applications.

*NOTE: New phone, fax and email where applications are sent to Toll Free: 1-888-480-3931
Local Phone 250 590-5691 Fax: 250-590-6785
Email Applications to: aeed@bcaafc.com*

MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORMS:
<http://www.bcaafc.com/initiatives/eedreinvestment>

UPCOMING EVENTS

* **World Indigenous People's Conference on Education**

When: **August 14-18, 2011**

Where: Cusco Peru

Contact: Maryrossie Vergara - Coordinator

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Description: The conference has three main areas of focus: Indigenous Education for Future Generations, Living Indigenous Languages, and Indigenous Wisdom for Common Welfare

* **The Biology of Loss: What Happens When Attachments are impaired and How to Foster Resilience**

When: **Thursday September 15, 2011, 9:00 am- 4:00pm**

Where: Shadbolt Center for the Arts, Burnaby

Contact: Dorothea Kraas

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Description: Presented by Dr Gabor Mate, MD.

Topics covered:

1. The basis of healthy child development: the attachment relationship with parents, teachers and other adults
2. How the human brain develops in interaction with the social/psychological environment
3. The stresses in our culture that have undermined the necessary conditions for healthy development, and their consequences in childhood and adolescent disorders
4. The role of medicalized birth practices
5. Why, even for the average "normal" child, the traditional relationship has become undermined, leaving parents and teachers frustrated and many children alienated and immature
6. What peer orientation is and how it competes with children's adult attachments; how to recognize it and take action
7. How to recognize intra-family stresses, and how to deal with them to create a safe, nurturing environment for our children
8. Understanding resilience and its promotion as a function of attachment

For more information/ to download registration: <http://www.childrens-foundation.org/pages/workshops/posters/DRGaborMatePosteR%206.pdf>

* **Caregiver Information Sessions 2011**

When: **September 29, 2011**

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

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

<http://www.casp2011.ca/>

Description:

Join with people from across the country interested in exploring, expanding and building upon the spectrum of what is known about suicide; prevention, intervention, postvention and research. The intention of this conference is to generate inclusive dialogue and stimulate new conversations on all aspects of suicidality. We are curious about conversations that explore such matters as:

- Deepening our understanding of cultural issues related to suicidality including exploration of diverse forms of culture, cultural competence, and cultural safety
- Innovative approaches to capacity building across the spectrum of care including family-centered approaches, shared care and collaborative practice models, crisis response, community follow-up and after care
- Spotlighting new and promising practices and strength-based approaches in workplaces, institutions and/or community settings
- Moving through crisis response and risk reduction helping to build lives worth living
- Impacts of the CASP Blueprint, various provincial strategies and the work of The Mental Health Commission of Canada on suicide prevention

* **Healthy Families, Bright Futures: Family Services Conference**

When: **October 21, 2011, 9am – 4:00 pm**

Where: Segal Graduate School, 500 Granville Street, Vancouver

Contact: 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: UBC

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

<http://www.earlylearning.ubc.ca/>

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. This cell to society perspective has significantly contributed to our understanding of the importance of the early years. Following ten years of gathering data on children’s development, HELP can offer profound insights that are critical to improving programs and policies for children. We will explore how HELP’s research has been - and will continue to be - used to improve children’s and families lives. At a

time when the pressure on families and children is greater than it has ever been, it is imperative that we continue to move from research to action.

Registration will begin in mid-August – check the HELP website closer to the date for more details.

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

Date: **November 4-5, 2011**

Location: Douglas College, New Westminster

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

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

* **BC ACCS 14th Annual Provincial Training Conference**

Date: **November 11-12, 2011**

Location: Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond BC

Contact: 604-913-9128

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

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.

* **Success by 6 - REGIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS 2011-2012**

Planning For the Seasons - An Aboriginal Early Years Strategic Planning Resource” is a practical resource that reflects Aboriginal understandings of planning combined with western concepts of planning. Each participant will receive a resource booklet that is developed from an Aboriginal foundation of the values, principles and processes stemming from traditional ways of supporting children and families. The workshop is a 1-day training session designed to familiarize the participants with key elements of strategic planning. The session includes a lecture style with a power-point presentation, an 18 minute DVD video presentation as well as an interactive circle activities designed to engage everyone in dialogue about children, culture and planning. Upon completion of the session, participants will receive a certificate of participation, a copy of the training guide, and DVD “We Can Change Our Future”.

REGIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS 2011-2012
“Strategic Planning for Aboriginal Early Childhood Development”

Abbotsford, BC, September 21, 2011

Contact: Denise earlyyears3@uwfv.bc.ca
Alison alisonb@uwlm.ca

Terrace, November 4, 2011

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**West Bank First Nation,
September 30, 2011**

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Sechelt, November 4, 2011

Contact: Pam prichmond@eastlink.ca

Prince Rupert, October 7, 2011

Contact: Duane duanej66@yahoo.ca

Campbell River, October 14, 2011

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Williams Lake, October 14, 2011

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Burns Lake, October 14, 2011

Contacts: Cheryl ncacsb6@shaw.ca
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Dawson Creek, October 14, 2011

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Castlegar, November 7, 2011

Contact: Danica danical@kootenaykids.ca

Kamloops, November 7, 2011

Contact: Francy francy@unitedwaytnc.ca

Nanaimo, December 7, 2011

Contact: Ada ada.mawson@csets.com

Victoria, November 18, 2011

Contact: Jody jody.aidp@vnfc.ca

Prince George, February 10, 2012

Contacts: Cheryl ncacsby6@shaw.ca
Bob pgsb6@hotmail.com

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

When: **February 3-4, 2012**

Where: Bell Performing Arts Center, Surrey

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

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

Description: Early Care and Learning Conference

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