

Sept 1, 2011 E-newsletter

BC Aboriginal Child Care Society

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www.acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/jobpostings.html

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ABOUT OUR ENEWS

ACCS NEWS

*** BC ACCS is back to its regular business hours**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 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 “page” is now easier to find! “like” us at: <http://www.facebook.com/BCACCS>

*** November 11-12, 2011**

BC ACCS 14th Annual Provincial Training Conference

Embracing our Children’s Spirit.

Location: Richmond BC

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** 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

For more information Call or email Lynn

Tel: 604-913-9128 Ext 225

Email: lynn@acc-society.bc.ca

Web: www.acc-society.bc.ca

*** Success By 6 Directory of Funded Projects in BC, January 2010-March 2011**

A quick and clear snapshot of funded ECE projects that Success By 6 has been supporting throughout the province of BC, including grants from their Aboriginal Engagement Strategy. Link to PDF report:

<http://www.successby6bc.ca/sites/default/files/2010-11%20Directory%20FINAL%2008%2011.pdf>

*** New Fall Training Workshops Offered by Westcoast Child Care Society**

- All about Clay (Sept- Oct 2011)- 6 hours of training
- Revisiting Black and White (ECE 1 and ECE 2)
- Photography in Documenting Children's Work
- Basic Sign Language
- Home-made Rhythm Instruments
- Block Play: Building Together with Young Children
- Responsible Adult in Child Care Settings
- Listening Skills for Young Children
- Supporting Children through Grief
- Revisiting Wool: Shapes and Forms
- Making Music for Fun
- Rhymes & Songs for Babies and Toddlers
- Strengthening the Child within the Challenging Behaviours in Out of School Care
- Walk a Mile in My Shoes
- Revisiting Light, Shadow and Space (ECE 1 & 2)
- Teacher Talk A – Encouraging Language Development in Early Childhood Settings

To register call 604 709 5661 or download registration form from their website:
www.wstcoast.org/training/westcoast.html

RESOURCES

*** Street Proofing Children**

Kidnapping by strangers is very rare, accounting for less than 1% of missing children cases, according to the RCMP. Still, we should all take sensible precautions:

- Never leave a young child alone in a public place – not even for just a minute.
- Don't put their name on their clothing. A stranger can use it to gain their trust.
- Go along when a young child uses a public washroom, even if they protest.
- Never assume there's someone else watching out for your child. Always know where they are and who's looking after them.

- And, in case the worst happens, keep an up-to-date photo (no more than six months old) with your child's height, weight, eye and hair colour on the back, along with a description of any birth marks.
- There are also a number of things you can teach your child to help them deal safely with strangers on their own:
 - As soon as they're old enough, teach them their name, address, phone number and parents' names.
 - Teach them to shout, "You're not my mother!" or "You're not my father!" if someone tries to take them away.
 - Teach them to go to a sales clerk if they're separated from you in a store.
 - Teach them to go to a police officer if they're in trouble and one is nearby. Never frighten your child by threatening to call the police if they do something wrong.
 - Give your child a code word for emergencies. That way, a stranger who doesn't know the word won't get far, even if they say something like, "Come with me to the hospital; your father has been hurt."
 - Teach your child to say "no" firmly. Practice shouting it with them. Give them permission to scream it if they're in trouble.

Link to the web page

http://www.safekidsbc.ca/parent_street_proofing.htm

* [Child Welfare on Reserve: What you Should Know](#)

"I am Witness" has prepared a briefing note as a background to their Canadian Human Rights Complaint regarding equity for First Nations Children. Here is an excerpt from it.

- ***First Nations children are drastically over represented in child welfare care. In 2008, the Auditor General of Canada reported that First Nations children living on-reserve were 5 times more likely to be placed in care than children living off-reserve.***
- ***The Federal Government requires First Nations child welfare agencies to apply provincial laws and standards, but Federal funding is not linked to the legislation or the needs of the children.***

The provinces fund child welfare services off-reserve but the Federal Government is responsible funding child welfare on-reserve. When the Federal Government (through the Department of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, referred to as INAC) funds services at a lesser level, or not at all, the provinces typically do not top up the difference. The result is a two tiered system where First Nations children on-reserve receive inequitable services as compared to other children in Canada.

- ***The over-representation of First Nations children is not due to abuse. The 2003 Canadian Incidence Study on Reported Child Abuse and Neglect found that the over-representation of First Nations children in child welfare care was due to neglect driven by structural issues of poverty, poor housing and caregiver substance abuse.***
- ***Repeated studies have found Federal funding levels, and thus benefit to children to be inequitable. Funding levels do not support First Nation agencies to respond in culturally based and adequate ways to reports of neglect***
See for example reports by the Auditor General of Canada in 2008 and 2011, and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts in 2009.

Read more about the “First Nations Solution: Culturally-Based Equity In Child Welfare” Link to full PDF of Briefing Note:

http://www.fnfcfs.com/sites/default/files/fnwitness/Tribunal_Briefing-Note-1-Aug_2011.pdf

*** [Safe Sleep Environment for Infants 0 to 12 months of age](#)**

The Perinatal Services of BC has produced a “Health Promotion Guideline 1 Safe Sleep Environment Guidelines for Infants 0 to 12 Months of Age”

7 Key Recommendations from Perinatal Services BC:

- 1) Infants must be placed on their back to sleep (supine)*
- 2) The fetus and infant should not be exposed to tobacco and secondhand smoke*
- 3) Infants and parents/ caregivers should sleep in close proximity in the same room (on a separate safe sleep surface) for the first 6 months; having the infant in close proximity has been found to reduce SIDS*
- 4) Breastfeeding is recommended as it is a protective measure against SIDS*
- 5) Infant overheating should be avoided*
- 6) Infant sleep surfaces must be firm and be free of hazards*
- 7) Cribs, cradles and bassinets must meet standards as per the Crib and Cradle Regulations*

Link to download the PDF document:

http://www.perinataleservicesbc.ca/sites/bcrpc/files/Guidelines/Health_Promotion_and_Prevention/Infant_Sleep_Environment.pdf

*** [BC Ministry of Children & Family Development “Information for Aboriginal People Page”](#)**

Includes information about programs, supports, Aboriginal agencies and committees, publications and important numbers

Link to web page: http://www.strongsafesupported.com/EN/for_aboriginal_people/

JOBS

*** 1 New Posting. All jobs are posted and regularly updated on the website: www.acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/jobpostings.html**

Aboriginal ECE or ECD related postings are posted at no charge. All postings will remain up to four weeks only or until the application closing date, unless resubmitted for a longer period of time. To place a job posting on ACCS website, send to: communications@acc-society.bc.ca

CLICK ON THE JOB TITLE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Job Title: [Aboriginal Head Start ECE Teacher- Full Time](#) **NEW**

Organization: Kla-How-Eya Aboriginal Center

Location: Surrey, BC

Posted on: September 1, 2011 | Closing when suitable candidate found

Job Title: [Aboriginal Community Liaison Worker](#)

Organization: Human Early Learning Partnership, UBC

Location: Vancouver, BC

Posted on: August 18, 2011 | Closing on: September 16, 2011

Job Title: **Child Care Worker**

Organization: Musqueam Indian Band Daycare

Location: Vancouver, BC

Posted on: August 18, 2011 | Closing when suitable candidate found

Job Title: **Safe Home Caregiver**

Organization: Tsay Keh Dene

Location: Tsay Keh Dene, BC

Posted on: August 18, 2011 | Closing when suitable candidate found

Job Title: **Infant Toddler Educator (2 positions)**

Organization: Songhees Nation

Location: Victoria, BC

Posted on: August 17, 2011 | Closing on: 4:00 pm September 2, 2011

Job Title: **Kaxla Voluntary Services Social Worker**

Organization: Heiltsuk Kaxla Child & Family Services

Location: Bella Bella, BC

Posted on: August 6, 2011 | Closing when suitable candidate found

Job Title: **Aboriginal Infant Development Consultant**

Organization: Kla-how-eya Aboriginal Centre of SACS

Location: Surrey, BC

Posted on: July 28, 2011 | Closing when suitable candidate found

UPCOMING EVENTS

* **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 Phone: 604-434-9101 Ext 100

Email: dorothea.kraas@childrens-foundation.org

Description: Presented by Dr. Gabor Mate, MD. The basis of healthy child development: the attachment relationship with parents, teachers and other adults

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

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

Fraser Region Training Session- Strategic Planning for Aboriginal ECD

When: Sept 21, 2011

Where: ABC Country Restaurant (meeting rooms) 32080 Marshall Rd, Abbotsford, BC

Contact: Andrea Thompson to register: andreathompson@seabirdisland.ca

Please note: Success By 6 is hosting regional training sessions Fall 2011- Spring 2012 on how to develop strategic plans for early childhood development - for a complete list of dates, locations, and the corresponding contacts:

<http://www.successby6bc.ca/projects/aboriginal-strategic-planning>

*** 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

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

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 (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: 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. Registration will begin in mid-August.

*** [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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Send us your:

- Aboriginal ECE news/ announcements from your community,
- job postings for your child care program
- special announcements

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