

## **Sept 16, 2011 ENews BC Aboriginal Child Care Society**

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#### **Download Registration Package:**

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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
- Leading Culturally Strong ECD Programs with our Hearts & Minds
- 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 BCACCS Conference:**

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

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**\* 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)

## **\*CCRR Program Requesting your Feedback via Short Online Survey**

Provincially the CCRR program is doing a short (3 minute approx.) survey (via survey monkey) to assess if our programs are reaching and promoting to families affectively.

*"Family Survey! Help us help you! Do you have children? Grandchildren? Foster children? Nieces/nephews? Please take 3 minutes to tell us how we are doing promoting the CCRR program and ideas for the future. We want to ensure all families in BC know about our services! Thank you for assisting us. Survey open September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.*

Link to online survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N7CJNDT>

## **\* The BC Representative for Children and Youth Investigative Report; "So Many Plans, So Little Stability: A Child's Need for Security"**

The BC Representative for Children and Youth has just released an investigative report titled: "So Many Plans, So Little Stability: A Child's Need for Security". This report looks into the chaotic life and unexpected death of a four-month-old First Nations infant. It identifies troubling inadequacies in planning, case management and decision-making, and makes recommendations to address gaps in how government and delegated Aboriginal agencies work together, and in how courts assess potential care.

To download report and/or media release: <http://www.rcybc.ca/>

*Turpel-Lafond said the three recommendations in this report point to ways to help improve the child-serving system, by addressing the need for:*

- *understandable accountabilities for Aboriginal child-serving services, with each regional director of child welfare responsible for the delegated agencies in the region*
- *clearer expectations and actions when good case management is put at risk because of frequent changes in custody arrangements, locations, child protection offices or workers*
- *B.C. to follow Ontario's recent family law reforms. This should include amendments to help ensure that court decisions regarding guardianship of a child are made with the advantage of critical information about the capacity and background of any proposed non-parent guardian.*

(From RCYBC September 13, 2011 Media Release)

## **\*Report on First Year of implementing Full Day K in BC**

Report for the BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association aims to "document the first wave of full-day kindergarten implementation in BC so that insight gained could influence further stages of implementation."

Link to full report: <http://childcarecanada.org/documents/research-policy-practice/11/09/taking-pulse-full-day-k-british-columbia-year-one>

\* **[MCFD Child Care Capital Funding Program, Minor Capital Funding for Emergency Repair, Replacement and Relocation- no longer accepting applications for this fiscal year](#)**

Effective September 15, 2011, the Minor Capital Funding Program will no longer be accepting applications for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. The ministry is redirecting a portion of funding from its child care minor capital program in order to help meet the rising demand for child care subsidies and to continue supporting child care providers with their operating costs. A clearer picture of the demands on the subsidy and operating funding program will emerge at the end of this fiscal year and help determine the future funding allocation for the minor capital program.

Link to web page: <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/capital.htm>

**RESOURCES**

\* **[Clear “How To” on Family and Community Emergency Preparedness from the Provincial Emergency Program](#)**

***Basic items you will need to survive for 72 hours:***

***Water*** - at least two litres of water per person per day (including small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order)

***Food*** - that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (remember to replace the food and water once a year)

***Manual can opener***

***Flashlight and batteries***

***Candles and matches or lighter*** (remember to place candles in sturdy containers and to put them out before going to sleep)

***Battery-powered or wind-up radio*** (and extra batteries)

***First Aid Kit***

***Special items such as prescription medications, infant formula and equipment for people with disabilities***

***Extra keys*** for your car and house

***Some cash*** in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills (travellers' cheques are also useful) and change for pay phones

***A copy of your emergency plan including contact information***

***Recommended additional kit supplies:***

- *A change of clothing and footwear for each household member*
  - *Sleeping bag or warm (foil) blanket for each household member*
  - *A whistle (in case you need to attract attention)*
  - *Garbage bags for personal sanitation*
  - *Toilet paper and other personal care supplies*
  - *Safety gloves*
  - *Basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, fasteners, work gloves)*
  - *Small fuel-driven stove and fuel (follow manufacturer's directions and store properly)*
  - *Two additional litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning*
- (Source: Provincial Emergency Program Family & Community Preparedness Web Page)

Link to website: [http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard\\_preparedness/Personal\\_Safety.html](http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard_preparedness/Personal_Safety.html)

\* **Food Flair Training Resource Modules now available**

*Decoda Literacy Solutions is delighted to announce the long anticipated Food Flair Training Resource modules! These resources were developed in response to the need for more in-depth information on the rich content of Food Flair, a resource in the LEAP BC family of resources. The content of each module has been developed and reviewed by dietitians and early childhood development professionals. We are grateful for their contributions.*

**MODULES:**

- MODULE 1: The Feeding Relationship
- MODULE 2: Communicating with Families
- MODULE 3: Healthy Eating
- MODULE 4: Fun and Learning about Healthy Eating

*Each Module contains:*

- \* An introduction and overview of the module
- \* A Presentation
- \* An overview of the Module presentation and speaking notes for the presenter
- \* Supplementary Materials for presenters to use during the presentation

The resources are available on the Decoda Literacy Solutions website at:

<http://decoda.ca/children-families/leap-bc/food-flair/food-flair-training-resources>.

\***Tiga Talk- free online interactive games to help children improve their speech and language skills**

Tiga Talk- kids can explore the world Tiga, Gertie & Gavin live in and play fun games while improving speech and language skills. Check out Culture Corner features cedar weaving, hand drumming, canoe pulling, cradleboards, petroglyphs, painting & teepees

Link to website: <http://www.tigatalk.com>

Link to app: <http://www.tigatalk.com/app>

**JOBS**

\* **2 New Postings. All jobs are posted and regularly updated on the website:**

[www.acc-society.bc.ca/files\\_new/jobpostings.html](http://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](mailto:communications@acc-society.bc.ca)

*CLICK ON THE JOB TITLE FOR MORE INFORMATION*

Job Title: **Early Childhood Educator w/ Infant Toddler** **NEW**

Organization: Skw'lax Daycare

Location: Chase, BC

Posted on: September 16, 2011 | Closing: September 28, 2011 4:00 pm

Job Title: **Infant/ Toddler Educator- Term Position** **NEW**  
Organization: Snc'c'amala?tn Early Childhood Education Center  
Location: Vernon, BC  
Posted on: September 12, 2011 | Closing: September 28, 2011, noon

Job Title: **Aboriginal Head Start ECE Teacher- Full Time**  
Organization: Kla-How-Eya Aboriginal Center  
Location: Surrey, BC  
Posted on: September 1, 2011 | Closing when suitable candidate found

Job Title: **K-3 Teacher**  
Organization: Head of the Lake School  
Location: Skatin Nation Reserve, Skatin, BC  
Posted on: September 1, 2011 | Closing when suitable candidate found

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **\* 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](mailto: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](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@unitedwaytn.ca](mailto:francy@unitedwaytn.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 CRR 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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- \* Aboriginal ECE news/ announcements from your community,*
- \* Job postings for your child care program*
- \* Special announcements*

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