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*** [Aboriginal Board Book Project by Fraser Region Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Network](#)**

Share your ideas! Help guide the creation of resources for young Aboriginal children!

The Fraser Region Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Network is beginning the development of culturally-relevant board books for young First Nations, Metis, and Inuit children. We are gathering input about the content for these books from communities across the region.

Please submit a feedback form for an opportunity to participate in this exciting process.

Click [here](#) to access the feedback form.

*** [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

*** [Registration now open for Human Early Learning Partnership 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/>

* [Success By 6 Distribution and Train-the-Trainer Sessions for the Granny & Grampa 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

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.

RESOURCES

* **September 9, 2011, International FASD Awareness Day**

Inspiring all moms to be to ensure that all 9 months of any pregnancy to be alcohol free!

* **Statement from BC's Representative For Children & Youth on FASD**

<http://www.rcybc.ca/Images/PDFs/Statements/FASD%20Awareness%20Sept%2009%202011.pdf>

* [Background and BC Resources for FASD](#)

What is FASD?

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is an umbrella term used to describe the range of disabilities that can affect people who are exposed to alcohol prenatally. Drinking alcohol during pregnancy can cause brain damage in a developing fetus, resulting in lifelong problems with attention, memory, reasoning and judgment. Pre-natal exposure to alcohol can also result in physical disabilities such as vision and hearing problems, slow growth, heart problems and bones that are not properly formed. There is great variability in the characteristics of those affected by FASD, depending on such factors as the amount and timing of the mother's drinking, mother's nutrition and overall health, as well as genetic factors.

How big a problem is FASD? How many people are affected in Canada?

It is estimated that every year, approximately 3000 babies are born in Canada with FASD. We do not know the exact numbers of people living with FASD as FASD is not always diagnosed, and we are still developing adequate resources to ensure individuals receive diagnosis and supports.

What has been proven to be effective in the prevention of FASD?

FASD can be prevented! Preventing FASD starts by increasing awareness of the harmful effects of drinking alcohol during pregnancy. Communities can work together to ensure that all women receive support with pregnancy planning, are able to find alternatives to alcohol use during pregnancy, and have access to prenatal care. Some women may need extra support to cut back

on their drinking. For these women, addictions treatment services that are easy to access, and which provide respectful and holistic care are key. And, after the baby is born, mothers may need support and advocacy to continue with the healthy changes they made during pregnancy.

What are the economic and social costs of FASD?

FASD can have many health, social, and economic costs, for the individual, their families, health and social service systems and communities. For families the extra costs for medical and other treatments are estimated to be approximately \$24,000 a year. It is estimated that the costs per individual over their lifetime for services can be over 1 million dollars. While many individuals with FASD lead fulfilling lives, many also have trouble with the law, drop out of school, have difficulties keeping a job, develop mental health problems, or become homeless.

What can communities do to help prevent FASD?

Communities can help prevent FASD in a number of ways, especially by helping to spread the word that it is safest not to drink during pregnancy. Friends and family members can all help a pregnant woman not to drink during pregnancy. If you work with women, learn about services in your community that can support women in avoiding alcohol use during pregnancy. Health care and social service providers can talk openly and supportively with women about drinking alcohol if they are pregnant or considering becoming pregnant and where to find support if they need assistance with avoiding alcohol during pregnancy. Bars can provide fun and tasty non-alcoholic options on their menu and liquor stores can hang posters with information about FASD.

How do I respond to people who say they have heard that it is okay for a woman to drink when she is pregnant?

Heavy drinking during pregnancy (either binge drinking or chronic use of alcohol) is clearly the most likely to cause harm to the fetus, as well as to a woman's health. While very low levels of drinking such as one drink a week is unlikely to cause harm, it is not possible to know a safe level of drinking for any particular woman. We do know that alcohol can be harmful to fetal development, which is why health professionals recommend that it is safest not to drink during pregnancy.

What is happening in BC to address FASD?

BC has a **10 year Provincial Plan entitled Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Building on Strengths**. It provides a framework to guide provincial, regional and community efforts to address FASD over the next decade. The document can be located at http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/fasd/pdf/FASD_TenYearPlan_WEB.pdf

Diagnostic and assessment services are available for children and youth through the regional health authorities in partnership with the Provincial Health Services Authority. The assessment teams are multidisciplinary and are designed for children and youth who have significant difficulties in multiple areas of function including development and learning, mental health, and adaptive and social skills. For more information, please see website link <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/fasd/assessment.htm>

The Ministry of Children and Family Development provides **support for families with children with suspected or confirmed FASD through the Key Worker and Parent Support Program**. Key workers assist families in understanding FASD by providing education and information specific to the needs of the child and family. They are familiar with community resources, assist families in accessing support, health and education services and are involved in the development of local support services. They also provide emotional and practical support to families. The Program is provided by contracted agencies located in each of the five MCFD regions. For more information, please visit: http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/fasd/kw_support.htm

Children and youth with FASD sometimes qualify and benefit from other services and programs for children with special needs such as the **Infant Development Program and early intervention services**. For more information on the wide range of services and program available, please see http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/spec_needs/index.htm

The Provincial Outreach Program for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (POPFASD) is funded by the Ministry of Education. The mandate is to **support teachers of students with FASD** by explaining the educational implications of FASD. POPFASD shares current FASD research, resources and successful practices and provides a network for teachers and others. Through consultation with teachers and experts in the field of FASD, POPFASD developed a website to provide information, e-learning modules and resources for teachers. The website link is: <http://www.fasdoutreach.ca>

Adults with a confirmed diagnosis of FASD who have significant challenges with day-to-day living (adaptive functioning) can benefit from the **Personalized Supports Initiative** which is delivered by Community Living BC. The PSI provides an individualized and personalized approach to meeting the needs of eligible adults by coordinating existing community supports to help people to maintain or increase their independence. More information can be found at:

http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/what_we_do/personalized_supports_initiative.htm

The **BC Association of Pregnancy Outreach Programs (BCAPOPOP)**, with programs in over 120 B.C. communities (including on reserve Aboriginal communities) provide prenatal and early parenting support to women who experience health or lifestyle challenges during pregnancy, birth and the transition to parenting. This includes assisting women in accessing substance use treatment and FASD diagnostic services when needed. <http://www.bcapop.ca/>

The Public Health Agency of Canada, BC Region (PHAC) funds three programs: **Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)**, **Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP)** and **Aboriginal Head Start off reserve (AHS)** who work in the area of Early Childhood Development (0-6). PHAC is currently working with representatives of the province of BC on priorities for working with families impacted by FASD, as identified in a March 2010 consultation. For the March 2010 summary report on these priorities please contact: colleen_wickenheiser@phac-aspc.gc.ca

Source: http://www.hcip-bc.org/resources-for-practice/documents/FASD_DAY_MATERIALSFINAL.pdf

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: [Early Childhood Educator](#) **NEW**
Organization: Aboriginal Mother Center Society

Location: Vancouver, BC
Posted on: September 7, 2011 | Closing: September 13, 2011

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: [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: [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

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](#)

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* [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

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* [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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** Job postings for your child care program*

** Special announcements*

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