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BC Aboriginal Child Care Society

“We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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BC ACCS NEWS

*** Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures – Nanaimo, Feb. 2nd**

Would you like to start saving for your child’s university/college tuition? It’s easier and cheaper than you think! Please consider joining us for our next *Hummingbird Aboriginal Student Futures* information session. We will talk about the benefits of registering First Nations children in Education Savings Plans. We will also share how families can receive government contributions. Join us for a free lunch and spread the word!

To register OR to book a similar session in your neck of the woods please contact:
Vanessa@hummingbirdasf.ca

When: 9:30am- 3:00pm February 2nd, 2012

Where: Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo

Note: Mileage will be compensated for attendees

* ***Moe the Mouse*® Workshop - Nanaimo, February 4th**

The *Moe the Mouse*® Speech and Language Development Program consists of two primary components:

1. The *Moe the Mouse*® Speech and Language Curriculum Box; and
2. Training workshops to train early childhood educators and parents how to use the *Moe the Mouse*® Speech and Language Curriculum Box.

The next workshop is scheduled for Nanaimo on Saturday, February 4th

To register please contact Kirsten Barlow at PacificCARE at 250.756.2022, ext. 34

For more information on *Moe the Mouse*® visit the BC ACCS [website](#).

RESOURCES

* **Tips on Giving Medicine to Babies - Video**

Giving medicine to children, especially to babies, can be tricky. They may resist it, refuse it or spit it up once you get it into them. The first tip is that babies are more likely to take their medicine when they're hungry, so give it to them before you feed them. They're also less likely to spit it up that way. [Click here](#) for more helpful tips and a short video that will make giving medicine a whole lot easier!

* **Music and Movement Curriculum Box – Borrow it for Free!**

Did you know that BC ACCS offers free curriculum boxes to all of its members? One of these great kits is centered on the theme of 'Music and Movement'.

Research shows that early childhood is the most critical period in a child's musical growth. This curriculum box has all the resources an Early Childhood Educator needs to foster children's musical development. What's great is that it has been specifically created for Aboriginal children! The box includes rhythm sticks, drums, shakers, ankle bells, sound bottles, movement activities with feathers, scarves and streamers and suggestions for acting out the "Raven's Feather Dance" by Steve Bloomer.

Please visit the BC ACCS website to find out more by [clicking here](#)

To order, contact our resource librarian Pepper Brewster: (604) 913-9128 ext.229
library@acc-society.bc.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** Child Care Awards of Excellence**

Do you work with an exceptional early childhood educator or know of a licensed family care provider who is amazing in every way? How about an individual or entire organization that does a great job at encouraging innovation in their child care programming? Does your local government show outstanding commitment to or leadership in, the development and support of community child care?

The Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) would like to celebrate these individuals, governments, facilities and organizations who are delivering exceptional services to children and families. Two awards will be presented to Aboriginal ECEs, including the Lenora Pritchard Award of Excellence.

Nominations accepted until Monday, March 5, 2012.

For more information refer to the website by [clicking here](#).

MCFD Client Relations Branch: 1-877-387-7027 or email EarlyYears@gov.bc.ca

*** Injury Prevention Video Contest!**

The First Nations Health Society (FNHS) is very excited to announce their new video contest for 2012 entitled "Safer Nations – Injury Prevention".

Building on the success of last year's video contest, the FNHS is asking B.C. First Nations to get creative and inspire messages that promote injury prevention! What kind of messages can you create to help educate our people on injury prevention to create safer communities?

\$10,000 IN PRIZES!!! Contest Deadline: April 27, 2012

Please view the contest overview, rules, frequently asked questions and entry form by clicking [here](#).

Contact info@fnhc.ca with any questions.

*** Family Violence and Cultural Teaching Workshops**

These unique and FREE workshops include smudging, cultural teachings, and food!

Each workshop is guided by 2 Elders and will offer a holistic and traditional approach to teaching about important topics such as family violence, the medicine wheel, and relationship boundaries. There is a new topic every Saturday!

February 4th topic: Dealing with Grief and Loss

Where: Native Education College, Vancouver BC

When: 9am-4pm

More info and to RSVP: email Naomi at nlinklater@necvancouver.org
or call 604-873-3772, ext 340

*** Aboriginal Mothers Centre Daycare – Open House**

Please join the community of the Aboriginal Mothers Centre Daycare. Everyone is welcome to come meet the staff, tour the daycare and be part of the opening blessing ceremony.

Place: 2019 Dundas Street, Vancouver

Date: Wednesday, February 1st, 2012

Time: Doors open at 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony: 5:00 p.m.

*** Gathering for Aboriginal Men**

Invitation to a Gathering of Aboriginal Men: Standing up Against Violence Toward Aboriginal Women and Children.

Brothers, uncles, grandfathers, fathers, and sons will come together on Wednesday, February 15th, from 10 am to 12:30 pm at the Hotel Grand Pacific in Victoria to build a Province-wide campaign to end violence against Aboriginal women and children. At 1 pm a press conference will be held on the front steps of the BC Legislature to speak out publicly against violence towards Aboriginal women and children, and to commit to action.

Aboriginal women are three times more likely to experience domestic violence than non-Aboriginal women, and three times more likely than non-Aboriginal women to be killed by someone they know. Wives, daughters, sisters, aunties, mothers and grandmothers are not always safe in their own home. Many efforts, projects, and strategies are now under-way throughout the province to change this reality, but we can and need to do more.

When: February 15th, 10am-12:30pm

Where: Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria

For more information contact: Paul Lacerte 250-388-5522 placerte@bcaafc.com

RESEARCH AND NEWS

*** First Nations Schools to receive \$15 Million Top-Up**

For decades First Nations schools in British Columbia have been operating on budgets that have been as much as 20 percent less than provincially run schools. An agreement signed on Friday, January 27th, with the Federal Government in Ottawa, will soon mean that on-reserve schools will finally see equal funding!

The First Nations Education Steering Committee is pleased to see that over 6 years of negotiations have finally paid off. The Tripartite Education Framework Agreement will provide for stable funding and an annual \$15 Million Top-Up for B.C.'s First Nations Schools Association starting in the fall of 2012. Read more about this exciting announcement:

[The Globe and Mail article "B.C. First Nations Students to get Equal Funding"](#)

[Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Announcement](#)

*** Understanding Obesity in Aboriginal Children**

Understanding the causes of obesity in Aboriginal children means understanding the unique social and historical factors that have shaped Aboriginal communities. An article recently published in Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism emphasizes that obesity prevention efforts should begin focusing with the parents. Promoting positive maternal health behaviours before and during pregnancy as well as focusing on breastfeeding and good nutrition in the early childhood development stages is important.

There is no simple fix to the obesity epidemic in Aboriginal children but the study's authors also think that improving risk factors such as income and education will help. Additionally, the research suggests that increasing pride in cultural practices and embracing traditional languages will help to influence health behaviours and outcomes".

The article is called "A socio-ecological framework to understand weight-related issues in Aboriginal children in Canada" and can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

* Top Ten ECD Research Topics

The [Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development](#) (CEECD) and the [Strategic Knowledge Cluster on Early Child Development](#) (SKC-ECD), have recently published their annual [Bulletin](#).

The top 10 early childhood development (ECD) studies and critical reviews in Canada are highlighted. This special edition gives us the opportunity to take a closer look at the trends in ECD research in Canada.

This Bulletin features diverse subjects such as: **language, memory, social skills, physical and mental health** and **genetics**. To download the Bulletin, [click here](#).

JOB POSTINGS

Job Title: [ECE Assistant Infant/Toddler Room](#)

Organization: Little Paws Children's Centre

Where: Penticton, BC

Closing: February 3, 2012

Job Title: [Child Care Provider \(6 hrs per week\)](#)

Organization: Helping Spirit Lodge Society

Where: Vancouver, BC

Closing: When positions filled (First posted on January 10, 2012)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

* **The Early Years Conference**

When: February 2-4, 2012

Where: The Hyatt Regency, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC

Contact: Check the website for more details:

<http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/EarlyYears/>

Description: The Development of Children's Mental Health: How Do We Become Who We Are? This conference will stimulate dialogue, reflection, a deeper understanding of a child's total development as rooted in their earliest relationships. The goal is to showcase exemplary approaches that support healthy early childhood social emotional development.

* **15th Annual Children: The Heart of the Matter Conference**

When: February 3-4, 2012

Where: Bell Performing Arts Center, Surrey

Contact: Check the website for more details:

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

Description: This conference brings together all those involved in the care and education of young children. Its purpose is to raise the awareness and the profile of child care and early childhood development services, family resource programs and others through professional development, networking, and sharing of information and resources.

* **19th Annual National Aboriginal Achievement Awards**

When: February 24, 2012

Where: Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver

Contact: Visit the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation website for ticket sales

http://www.naaf.ca/ticket_sales or Toll Free: 1-800-329-9780 Ext.228

ticket-sales@naaf.ca

Description: The Awards will be presented to recipients for their outstanding accomplishments in various disciplines. The Awards are the highest honour the community can bestow on its achievers. These 15 exceptional individuals will be

honoured and celebrated at the Gala, and subsequently broadcasted on Global Television and the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) this March.

* **[14th Annual “Every Child Belongs” Conference](#)**

When: March 10, 2012 8:00 am-3:30pm

Where: The College of New Caledonia

Contact: Register at the Child Development Centre of Prince George District

Phone: 250-563-7168 ext. 205 Fax: 250-563-8039 Email: kima@cdcpq.org

Description: Topics for this conference include but are not limited to: Supporting children with trauma, mental health, reducing stress in children, drumming, storytelling, singing, learning to listen, sensory sensitivities, giving and receiving feedback, children and sexual behaviors.

* **[Northern BC Aboriginal Health Webcast](#)**

When: March 29, 2012 12:15pm-1:15pm

Where: By teleconference and webcast

Contact: E-mail for more details: idc@northernhealth.ca

Description: The recent formation of the First Nations Health Council has resulted in a flurry of activity and discussion on how to best close the gap in First Nations health. In this presentation, Dr. Lavoie will focus on the First Nation on-reserve health care system in BC. Relevant research will be discussed to show that there is strength in the First Nation on-reserve health care system as it exists today. Results from the *Where to Invest Project* show that, communities with control over local health services and with access to community-based primary care have lower rates of avoidable hospitalization, especially for chronic diseases. Still gaps in knowledge of Northern Health remain. This presentation will conclude with the recommendations for additional work.

* **[16th Annual First Nations Schools Association Conference](#)**

When: April 20-21st, 2012

Where: Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites, Vancouver

Contact: Registration to begin in February 2012. Check the First Nations Schools Association website for more information <http://www.fnsa.ca/> or call 1-877-422-3672

Description: The First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) annual conference brings together staff from First Nations schools from across BC to learn about a wide range of

effective practices in classroom instruction, school administration and other key professional growth areas.

* **[ECEBC Conference “Playing it Forward: Discovering the Wonder and Value of Authentic Play”](#)**

When: May 3-5th, 2012 (Registration begins mid-Feb, 2012)

Where: The Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport, Richmond

Contact: Check the Early Childhood Educators of BC website for more information

<http://www.ecebc.ca/events/index.html>

Description: This is a professional development and networking conference. More information will be available in February, 2012.

* **[5th Annual Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey](#)**

When: May 15-17th, 2012

Where: To be announced

Contact: Check the First Nations Health Council website for more information in early 2012. <http://www.fnhc.ca/index.php/news/events/>

Description: Improving the Health of First Nations People in BC: A Dialogue on the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan. On-line registration details will be announced in early 2012.

* **[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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