

**BC ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE SOCIETY**

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**Job Postings**

- Aboriginal Infant Development Worker needed at the Phil Bouvier Family Centre, Vancouver BC. – **NEW**
- Bus Driver needed at Eagles Nest AHS Preschool, Vancouver BC – **NEW**
- Director needed at Makoonsag Intergenerational Children's Centre Inc. (MICC), Winnipeg, MB – **NEW**
- Day Care Manager needed at the Aboriginal Mother Centre Society in Vancouver, BC – **NEW**
- 1 Full-time ECE and 2 Full-time ECE Assistants needed at Deh Zona Daycare, Fort Nelson, BC – **NEW**
- Early Childhood Educator for Infant Toddler Program (Mat Leave) needed at Asaabuus Daycare, Port Alberni, BC – **NEW**
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- 2 Early Childhood Educators needed at Kwadacha Daycare/Head Start in Fort Ware, BC (Kaska-Tsek'ene community). – **NEW**
- Transformational Housing Family Support Worker needed at Aboriginal Mother's Centre Society, Vancouver BC – **NEW**
- Substitute Daycare Worker (On Call Position) needed at the Phil Bouvier Family Centre, Vancouver BC

- Enhancement Worker needed at North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society, Quesnel, BC
- Early Childhood Development Assistant needed at North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society, Quesnel, BC
- On Call/Casual Transition House Support Worker at Helping Spirit Lodge Society, Vancouver BC
- Full-Time Position for Infant & Toddler Early Childhood Educator at the Smuyuq'wa' Lelum Ladybug Lodge, Tsawwassen First Nation, BC - **STILL OPEN**

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#### **ACCS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### ***Caring for our Children- Switching to electronic format***

To our members and subscribers of *Caring for Our Children*: To be kinder and gentler to the environment, and to ensure that on reserve child care programs and community partners that have limited computer access have hard copy newsletters, we would like to encourage subscribers to switch to receiving the electronic format in PDF. If you would like to switch, please email [david@accsociety.bc.ca](mailto:david@accsociety.bc.ca) with the title "CFOC switch to electronic" and specify which email address you would like to receive it. *Haychka Siem.* –David Wu, Community Liaison & Researcher.

#### **CHILD CARE GRANTS**

##### **BC Government Funding Announcements - Gaming Grants and Child Care Providers**

\$1 million in one-time funding will be distributed to licensed group child care providers who receive Child Care Operating Funds and provide care to children from 30 months old to school-age. The funding is meant to compensate for lost revenue due to children moving into full school day kindergarten, however, it can only be spent on items that "enhance developmental opportunities for younger learners," including books, toys, professional development and minor capital enhancements. Read the [government news release](#), and a [Georgia Straight story](#) with reaction from Early Childhood Educators of BC Executive Director Emily Mliczko.

Today government announced a restoration of community gaming grants with an additional \$15 million in funding, which will go to over 2,000 non-profits, including food banks, PACs and DPACs, community centres, and youth and family programs. Read this news release [here](#).  
(Source: First Call BC)

#### **CAREER TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

##### **ECEBC Leadership Initiative Call for Proposals**

##### **Seeking Communities of Leadership Innovation 2011 Call for Proposals**

##### **Due April 15, 2011**

ECEBC, with funding from Vancity Community Foundation, is seeking proposals from Early Childhood Educators across BC who are interested in playing a leading role in helping their communities become one of ECEBC's 2011/12 '**Communities of Leadership Innovation**'.

If you and other ECEs in your community are emerging leaders and want to develop your capacity to:

- Raise the profile and understanding of the work you do in the broader community

- Build the leadership capacity of ECEs in your community
- Take ECE values and ways of knowing out the door to the larger community

**Contact:** Maria Mejia (604) 709-6063 or email [leadership@ecebc.ca](mailto:leadership@ecebc.ca)

### **Integrated Strategies for Home Visitors Training**

In this 4-day skill-driven course, home visitors and other family practitioners will acquire new tools for motivating and communicating with parents of young children. You'll learn to support parents to form secure attachments, be involved in their child's development, strengthen the foundations of their family and solve their problems.

**Date:** April 18 - April 21, 2011

**Location:** Vancouver

**Cost:** \$400 for 4 days (Home Visitors)

\$430 for 4 days + interactive online workshop\* (Supervisors/Managers)

**REGISTER ONLINE**

\* Additional training specifically designed for program supervisors and managers will be delivered as a fully interactive online workshop. For further details about this exciting supplementary training opportunity, please contact the training coordinator, **David Sheftel**.

- Management Systems for Launching Your Program
- Supporting Family Visitors to Integrate Training into On-the-Job Skills
- Clinical Supervision
- Quality Management

***To receive the discounted hotel rate, please register and book your hotel rooms before March 18 2011.***

**>> Download the winter/spring training schedule for full details!**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Urgent Notice – Indigenous Child at the Centre Forum IV Apr 13 & 14, 2011 Postponed**

##### **URGENT**

To: All Chiefs, Councils, Leaders and senior staff of organizations with an interest in child and family wellness

On behalf of the Co-Chairs of the First Nations Child & Family Wellness Council (FNCFWC), I would like to advise you that due to no funding from Ministry of Children & Family Development that the **Indigenous Child at the Centre Forum IV "Collaborating for Success - Sharing the Challenges, Sharing the Accomplishments"** has been **postponed until further notice**. A formal letter will be forthcoming confirming this decision from Ministry of Children & Family Development in Victoria.

Updates will be sent out to First Nations communities and organizations as needed. Please visit our website at [www.fncfwc.ca](http://www.fncfwc.ca) for the most up to date information.

Sincerely,

Bobbi-Jo Leo Tel: (604) 922-7795 or email [admin@fncfwc.ca](mailto:admin@fncfwc.ca)

**Interim Coordinator for the First Nations Child & Family Wellness Council**

### **Early Learning Conference in Victoria with Dr. Clyde Hertzman**

St. Margaret's School is pleased to host the *Early Learning Conference: Making the Connection: Holistic approaches to early learning*, featuring Dr. Clyde Hertzman, UBC and Rob Inrig, MED Counselling Psychology. The conference is April 9, 2011 from 9 am-3:45 pm and lunch will be provided to those participants in both sessions. The event will take place at St. Margaret's Junior School at 1080 Lucas Avenue in Victoria. For directions to the school and a map of the campus please click [here](#).

This conference is open to the public, there is no fee to attend but registration is required by April 5th. Child minding will be provided all day and if you wish to take advantage of this service please let us know how many children you will be bringing. [Download the registration form](#) and email it to Kelly Holman at [kholman@stmarg.ca](mailto:kholman@stmarg.ca) or fax to (250) 479-8976. Please contact Kelly Holman with any questions regarding the event.

### **Living Wage Forums in Vancouver and Surrey**

The Living Wage for Families Campaign is hosting two public forums on Living Wages and Child Poverty in Vancouver and Surrey:

#### **Vancouver**

Monday April 11 • 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Alice McKay Room - Vancouver Public Library  
350 West Georgia Street, Vancouver  
*Moderated by Dr. Clyde Hertzman*

#### **Surrey**

Tuesday April 12th • 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Theatre 2600, SFU Surrey  
250 - 13450 – 102 Avenue, Surrey  
*Moderated by: To be confirmed*

Families who work for low wages face impossible choices — buy food or heat the house, feed the children or pay the rent. The result can be spiraling debt, constant anxiety and long-term health problems.

At these forums you will have the opportunity to find out more about what a living wage means and how it can benefit parents and children trying to live on low wages. You will hear about how New Westminster passed the first Living Wage Policy in Canada in 2010. You will hear about businesses that have committed to pay all their direct and indirect staff a living wage.

You will also hear from our SPECIAL GUEST, DEBORAH LITTMAN of LONDON CITIZENS (London, UK). London, UK has had a Living Wage policy for over 5 years and next year's Summer Olympics in London will be the first Living Wage Olympics!

These forums are a wonderful opportunity to find out more about the potential of the living wage to positively change the lives of thousands of British Columbians and their children. So whether you are a service provider, a member of a faith group, a business owner, an immigrant, a low wage parent or an elected official we would love you to come along to join the dialogue. And please tell your friends and colleagues by circulating the forum fliers as far and wide as you can (download the [Vancouver](#) and [Surrey](#) flyer).

Fliers translated into Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Spanish and Vietnamese will be available early next week at [www.livingwageforfamilies.ca](http://www.livingwageforfamilies.ca).

The Living Wage is an idea whose time has come. Help make this idea a reality!

(Source: First Call BC)

### **ECEBC's 40th Annual Conference 2011**

**When:** May 12, 13, and 14, 2011

**Where:** Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport, 8181 Cambie Road, Richmond BC

**Contact:** Yasmin Irani (604) 709-6063 or email [membership@ecebc.ca](mailto:membership@ecebc.ca)

**Description:** The theme for this year's conference is *Dedicated to Leading and Creating Change*. ECEBC is very pleased to present the 40th annual ECEBC Conference. This year's theme reflects the evolving nature of our field. Society continues to change and as individuals, families, and organizations, we observe, experience, and adapt according to our needs. ECEBC advances early childhood education and educators in the province of British Columbia. We provide opportunities for leadership and growth to early childhood educators; we also strive to inform the broader community about our work. Change is inevitable and at ECEBC we are developing change in organizations and within our own practice. We are witnessing early childhood educators becoming leaders in communities across the province. The ECEBC 2011 Conference Planning Committee, with the support of ECEBC Board and staff, has developed a professional conference that presents and acknowledges the importance of our work and the collective desire to remain on the leading edge of creative innovation. To find out more, information please visit the ECEBC website: [www.ecebc.ca](http://www.ecebc.ca)

### **The Early Years Conference 2012**

*The Development of Children's Mental Health: How Do We Become Who We Are?*

**DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION SUBMISSION - May 31, 2011**

**When:** February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Where:** Hyatt Regency Vancouver, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver BC Canada

**Description:** Our early relationships and experiences shape all aspects of physical and mental health, and are pivotal to who we become and how we function throughout life. We naturally strive forward. The behaviour of young children is meaningful, and understanding this concept is vital for all involved with children. This conference will stimulate dialogue, reflection, a deeper understanding of a child's total development as rooted in their earliest relationships, and may revolutionize our approaches and practices with young children, their families, and their communities.

Please visit [interprofessional.ubc.ca/Early\\_Years.htm](http://interprofessional.ubc.ca/Early_Years.htm) to:

- View advance notice/call for presentations
- Submit presentation
- Learn about program updates

**Spread the Word:** Please forward this information on to your colleagues who would benefit from participating. It would also be greatly appreciated if you would post the course information on your organization's website.

#### **Contact Info**

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#### **JOB POSTINGS**

**(also please visit [www.acc-society.bc.ca/files\\_new/jobpostings.html](http://www.acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/jobpostings.html))**

**PLEASE CLICK ON JOB TITLE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Job Title: **Day Care Manager (Revised)** - **NEW**  
Organization: Aboriginal Mother Centre Society  
Location: Vancouver, BC  
Starting Date: ASAP - **New Info**  
Posted on: Mar 14, 2011 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: **1 Full-Time ECE and 2 Full-Time ECE Assistants** - **NEW**  
Organization: Dehzona Daycare and Head Start Program  
Location: Fort Nelson, BC  
Posted on: Mar 11, 2011 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: **Early Childhood Educator for Infant Toddler Program (Mat Leave)** - **NEW**  
Organization: Asaabus Daycare (Ditidaht First Nation)  
Location: Port Alberni, BC  
Posted on: Mar 10, 2011 | Closing on: Apr 8, 2011 @ 4:30 pm

Job Title: **Enhancement Worker (Mat Leave)**  
Organization: Aboriginal Child & Family Support Services (Phil Bouvier Family Centre)  
Location: Vancouver, BC  
Posted on: Feb 18, 2011 | Closing on: Mar 29, 2011 - **New Closing Date**

Job Title: **Early Childhood Educators (2 positions)**  
Organization: Kwadacha Daycare/Head Start  
Location: Fort Ware, BC (Kaska-Tsek'ene community)  
Posted on: Feb 15, 2011 | Closing on: Until position is filled.

Job Title: **Transformational Housing Family Support Worker**  
Organization: Aboriginal Mother's Centre Society  
Location: Vancouver, BC  
Posted on: Jan 28, 2011 | Closing on: Until position is filled.

Job Title: **Full-Time ECE** - **NEW**  
Organization: Dehzona Daycare and Head Start Program  
Location: Fort Nelson, BC  
Posted on: Jan 14, 2011 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: **Substitute Daycare Worker (On Call)**  
Organization: Aboriginal Child & Family Support Services, Phil Bouvier Family Centre  
Location: Vancouver, BC  
Posted on: Nov 26, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: **Enhancement Worker**

Organization: North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society

Location: Quesnel, BC

Posted on: Nov 10, 2010 | Closing on: Nov 18 or Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: **Early Childhood Development Assistant**

Organization: North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society

Location: Quesnel, BC

Posted on: Nov 10, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidate is found

Job Title: **On Call/Casual Transition House Support Worker**

Organization: Helping Spirit Lodge

City: Vancouver, BC

Closing Date: Until position is filled (as of Sept 9) | Posted on: July 1, 2010

Job Title: **Infant/Toddler Supervisor** **STILL OPEN**

Organization: Smuyuq'wa' Lelum (Ladybug Lodge), Tsawwassen, BC

First Nation: Tsawwassen First Nation

Closing date: Until position is filled (as of Sept 9) | Posted on: January 19, 2010

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