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CHILD CARE AWARDS

7 Days Until Child Rep Award Nominations Deadline

Just a reminder on behalf of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, that nominations for the Representative for Children and Youth's 2010 Awards of Excellence close in just 7 days, on Sept. 3, 2010!

There are so many deserving organizations and individuals in B.C.'s child-serving system, and we would appreciate if you would consider sending a reminder to your colleagues, staff, friends and stakeholders. All information about the awards can be found at www.rcybc.ca/Content/Nominations2010/AwardsNomination.asp.

For more information please contact **Rhiana Alfadili**, Communications Officer, (250) 356-9350

PROVINCIAL FIRST NATIONS ECD NEWS

First Nations ECD Framework:

**Attn: First Nations ECD Staff, Teachers & Educators – Feedback still needed **

We thank you for your participation. We still need more community feedback. Please remember to give feedback via Survey Monkey to the First Nations ECD Council on the First Nations ECD Framework. We now have 30 responses but this is not enough - we need a broad response from all First Nations in British Columbia.

Instructions:

1. Read the **information kit** that will allow you to provide meaningful input without having to work through the entire Framework and accompanying background paper.
The kit includes the following:

- Framework Summary
- A Backgrounder on the BC First Nations ECD Council
- Next Steps
- Survey
- Parent/Caregiver Handouts
  - A Services Checklist
  - Quick Facts
  - Next Steps

2. Give feedback via Survey Monkey at **www.surveymonkey.com/s/YWWJSTF**

GRANTS NEWS

The Lex Reynolds Adoption and Permanency Trust Fund

The Lex Reynolds Adoption & Permanency Trust would like to invite your feedback on its granting programs! Please take 5-10 minutes to complete the online survey at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G3SYP87

Your input is appreciated, and will help us to continue to improve the Fund's granting programs with your priorities in mind.

Description: The Lex Reynolds Adoption and Permanency Trust Fund provides grants to help individuals and organizations:

- develop greater awareness of the need for lifelong connections and the range of placement options available
- create new ways to increase the number of children and youth making healthy lifelong connection with a family, community and culture through innovative initiatives, projects and research
- promote a wider range of services and resources to support the long-term success of lifelong connections.

Most importantly, this fund supports new thinking in the adoption and permanency field and in the development of a more responsive and collaborative child and family services system.

Current Granting

The Lex Reynolds Adoption & Permanency Trust Fund is currently accepting application for Fall 2010 full and research grants - Deadline September 15, 2010.

Fall Grants: Please also note that the deadline for the Fund's fall grants is September 15, 2010. For more information, see the application form and Annual Review attached to this e-mail, and visit the Fund Website at www.connectingforlife.ca.

Questions about the survey or fall granting cycle can be directed to Rory Grewar, Grants Manager, Provincial Funds at 250-381-5532, or by e-mail at rgrewar@victoriafoundation.bc.ca. For more information please visit www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca.

ECE Career Training/Professional Development

Early Childhood Educators Advoacy Forum – Free

Building Advocacy Leadership Capacity (Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC) – *NEW*

When: October 23, 2010
Where: VCC Downtown Campus, Vancouver
Contact: advocacyleadership@cccabc.bc.ca

Topics include: Children's Rights, all school day Kindergarten and the state of child care.
Attendence will give you a certificate for 5 hours towards re-licensing.

Free Online Training Opportunity for Settlement Workers – NEW

When: Sep 2010-Feb 2011
Contact: Sarah Garcia at caringforcanadaschildren@gmail.com
Funded by CIC and delivered by Mothercraft College, this online course consists of one monthly two-hour webinar from September 2010 to February 2011 and participants will receive a Certificate of Completion.

The Course will focus on:
- Becoming a more competent cross-cultural service provider
- Strategies for building trusting relationships with families
- The importance of the early years: attachment and interaction
- Promoting children's mental health
- Developing working relationships with child welfare services
- Building circles of support for families through service coordination

This is actually a Level 2 course - Level 1 was offered last year and all of the archived videos of last year's lessons can be found on the Mothercraft College website. (Source: First Call Weekly Announcement)

Parent-Child Mother Goose Training Course "Building on Your Experience"

When: September 29, 2010
Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Where: Community Room #203, Capilano Mall, North Vancouver
Cost: $75 before August 31st
$90 after August 31st
Contact: Elaine Smith (604) 985-7138 www.nscr.bc.ca
First Years Count and Family Services of the North Shore are pleased to be able to offer the Parent-Child Mother Goose training course "Building on Your Experience". This one day workshop is for individuals with some experience teaching in a Parent Child Mother Goose Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Healing Our Spirit Worldwide 2010

When: September 3-10, 2010
Where: Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i
Registration: www.hosw.com
Healing Our Spirit Worldwide is an Indigenous cultural celebration that will focus on successes, wise practices and common issues in health, healing and addictions within Indigenous communities. The Six Gathering will radiate the wisdom of our kupuna (Elders) and the aloha of the land and the Indigenous people of ka pae 'aina Hawai'i.

11th International Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma

When: September 12, 13, 14, 2010
Where: Buckhead, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Contact: Danielle Vazquez, Conference Coordinator dvazquez@dontshake.org or call 1-801-627-3999 ext. 111
The highly successful conferences held every other year focus on four areas of expertise; legal challenges in SBS cases, evidenced and creative prevention programs and initiatives, the latest medical information and research, and support for and rehabilitation for families and victims of shaken baby syndrome (AHT) including rehabilitation and continuum of care issues.

5th Annual Igniting the Fire Gathering

When: September 13-16, 2010
Where: Manitou Api, Whiteshell Provincial Park, Manitoba, Canada
Contact: Sabina Ijaz (204) 367-1402 or email turtlelodge@mts.net
Websites: www.theturtlelodge.org or www.ignitingfire.org

Since time immemorial our nations have gathered on our sacred sites. They gathered to share knowledge, medicines, ceremonies, and prophecies. Come and share your vision for the future of our people. Following the protocol of the old ways, the Elders will transfer their knowledge to youth and adults. **Who should attend:** Elders, Youth, Adults, Parents, Students, Educators, Researchers.

11th FACE (Fetal Alcohol Canadian Expertise) Research Roundtable

When: September 14, 2010 in Vancouver, BC
Where: Plaza 500 Hotel, West 12th Avenue, Vancouver BC V5Z 1M2
Contact: Susan Santiago, FACE Research Roundtable Coordinator
Tel: (416) 813-8084
For more information, please visit:
www.motherisk.org/FAR/econtent_conferences.jsp#2

Conference Description

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Susan Astley of the University of Washington. A leader in FASD research, Dr. Astley has developed the FASD 4-Digit Diagnostic Code, the 4-Digit Code Online Course, FAS Facial Photographic Analysis Software for diagnosis and screening of the FAS facial features, as well as a Foster Care FAS Screening Program. Open to any who wish to attend, the FACE Research Roundtable is an important forum for anyone interested in medical and social science research on alcohol use during pregnancy. The FACE Research Network includes researchers, clinicians, front-line workers, government and industry representatives and policy-makers from across Canada. Please plan to attend and register early.

Indigenous Knowledge Seminar Series
Talking Back to History: Deconstructing the Master Narrative

When: September 17, 2010 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Where: 11 The Promenade (behind Portage Place) Aboriginal Education Centre, University of Manitoba Downtown, Winnipage
Contact: 1-866-330-0133 ext. 3 or ext. 4
Description: A series of seminars on the traditions that are central to the worldviews of the Dakota, Ojibway, Cree, Dene and Metis Peoples of Manitoba.
Speaker: Dr. LaRocque, a Plains-Cree Métis, is a scholar, author, poet, and a social and literary critic. She grew up in a Cree-speaking, hunting/trapping Metis culture in Northeastern Alberta. LaRocque is a renown scholar in the advancement of Native Studies as a teaching discipline and an intellectual field of study. She has written extensively on colonization, Canadian historiography, misrepresentation, racism, identity, violence against women and Aboriginal literatures and has received national and international recognition for her papers and poetry. She is a 2005 recipient of the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards. In 1975, Dr. LaRocque authored ***Defeathering the Indian***, a study of stereotypes of 'indians' in public schools. Her most recent book, ***When the Other is Me: Native Resistance Discourse 1850-1990***, was released earlier this year. This book situates Native literature as a resistance response to the overwhelming evidence of dehumanization in Canadian historical and literary writing. Dr. Emma LaRocque is a professor in the Department of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba.

Aboriginal Language Conference

When: September 27 & 29, 2010
Where: First Peoples House, University of Victoria
Contact: Lalita David at lalita@uvic.ca or phone (25) 721-8789

Conference Description

The primary focus of the conference will be **'best practices'** in language programs for language groups on Vancouver Island. This will be an exciting networking and learning even t for all those involved in First Nations language revitalization, ranging from beginner, intermediate and fluent speaker levels.

2nd Gathering Our Knowledge Weaving Our Basket
A 2-Day Forum on Aboriginal Early Childhood Development
When: October 18 & 19, 2010
Where: Delta Airport Hotel, Richmond BC
Contact: TBA (Agenda and Registration to be sent out soon)
Conference Description
Day 1.5 is Aboriginal dialogue with keynote speakers and panels. Day 2 we invite our non-Aboriginal partner agencies and governments to join us in this dialogue to find ways to work collectively for our children. An agenda and registration forms will be sent out soon.

Join us as we work to bridge our knowledge and connect our work to improve programs and services for our children and families. Hosted by Aboriginal Head Start Association, Aboriginal Infant Development Program, and Success by Six.

JOB POSTINGS
(also please visit www.acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/jobpostings.html)

PLEASE CLICK ON JOB TITLE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Job Title: **First Nations Early Childhood Development Council Coordinator-Contract Work**- ***NEW***
Organization: First Nations Education Steering Committee
Location: West Vancouver, BC
Posted on: August 19, 2010 | Closing on: September 3, 2010

Job Title:**Three Part-Time Early Childhood Development Assistants** - ***NEW***
Organization: North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society
Location: Quesnel, BC
Posted on: August 17, 2010 | Closing on: Until suitable candidates are found

Job Title: **Team Leader** - ***NEW***
Organization: North Cariboo Aboriginal Family Program Society
Location: Quesnel, BC
Posted on: August 17, 2010 | Closing on: September 30, 2010

Job Title: **Amlilas Daycare Supervisor**- ***NEW***
Organization: 'Namgis Community Services
Location: Alert Bay, BC
Posted on: August 13, 2010 | Closing on: Sept 1, 2010 **1 week extension**

Job Title: **Aboriginal Supported Child Develpoment Worker** - ***NEW***
Organization: Kla-how-eya Aboriginal Centre of SACS
Location: North/South Delta, Ladner, Tsawwassen

Closing on: September 3, 2010 **- Extended by 2 weeks (As of Aug 24)**

Job Title: **Child Minder**
Organization: Helping Spirit Lodge
Location: Vancouver, BC
Posted on: July 28, 2010 | Closes on: Until suitable candidate is found (as of Aug 13, 2010)

Job Title: **ECE Daycare Worker**
Organization: Gitwangak Education Society (GES)
Location: Kitwanga, BC
Closing on: August 27, 2010 | Posted on: July 21, 2010

Job Titles:**Infant Toddler Teacher, School Age Child Care Teacher, Early Childhood Educator**
Organization:Maxxine Wright Child Care Centre
City: Surrey, BC
Note: *People with Aboriginal ancestry encouraged to apply. Please self-identify.*
Posted on: July 16, 2010 | Closes on: Until position is filled.

Job Title: **Daycare Supervisor**
Organization: Sunset Child Care Society
City: Vancouver, BC
Posted on: July 16, 2010 | Closes on: Until suitable candidate is found (as of Aug 13, 2010)

Job Title: **Family Counsellor**
Organization: Helping Spirit Lodge, Vancouver BC
Closing Date: Until position is filled (as of Aug 13, 2010) | Posted on: July 1, 2010

Job Title: **Spirit Lodge Transition House Manager**
Organization: Helping Spirit Lodge, Vancouver BC
Closing Date: Until position is filled (as of Aug 13, 2010) | Posted on: July 1, 2010

Job Title: **On Call/Casual Transition House Support Worker**
Organization: Helping Spirit Lodge
City: Vancouver, BC
Closing Date: Until position is filled (as of Aug 13, 2010) | Posted on: July 1, 2010

Job Title: **Early Childhood Education Instructor (10.081C)**
Organization: Northwest Community College, Terrace, BC
Closing Date: Until position is filled (as of Aug 13, 2010) | Posted on: June 14, 2010

Job Title: **Infant/Toddler Supervisor**
Organization: Smuyuq'wa' Lelum (Ladybug Lodge), Tsawwassen, BC
First Nation: Tsawwassen First Nation

Closing date: Until position is filled | Posted on: January 19, 2010

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Aboriginal ECE Job Posting Service

Whether you are looking for work in the Aboriginal ECE field or looking for qualified professionals to work in your Aboriginal early childhood education program, we can help. Send your Aboriginal ECE job postings to david@acc-society.bc.ca and we can spread the word through our enews and post them on our website www.acc-society.bc.ca free of charge. Be sure to check our Job Postings page regularly!

In honour of the first anniversary of the passing of Lenora Pritchard (1967-2009),
Aboriginal Child Care Advisor for BC Aboriginal Child Care Society.
Please consider donating to the education Trust Fund for Lenora's daughter Alisa.