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## CHILD CARE AWARDS

### **MCFD Third Annual Child Care Awards of Excellence Nominations Now Open**

The Ministry of Children & Family Development has now opened the Third Child Care Awards of Excellence Nomination period, including the Lenora Pritchard Award of Excellence for outstanding leadership and mentorship in the field of Aboriginal Child Care. Nominations for these awards will be accepted until **February 28, 2010**. For details and further information please refer to the Nomination Guidelines at the following website: [www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/awards/index.htm](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/awards/index.htm)

For more information, contact Lara Woodman at [Lara.Woodman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lara.Woodman@gov.bc.ca)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Please participate in the Cultural Connectedness – Aboriginal Children & Youth Survey, Deadline is Feb 10, 2010**

The Ministry of Children and Family Development's Action Leadership Program is exploring and highlighting processes that are connecting Aboriginal children and youth to their culture. We (Cedar Child and Family Services) are conducting a survey to assist us in this endeavour. This is a voluntary, confidential process. We are using an independent web-based survey tool that does not have the capability to identify you individually.

The survey deadline is **February 10th** and the survey should take less than ten minutes to complete. Please contact Sabrina Williams at Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services (250) 383-2990 or [sabrina@sccfs.com](mailto:sabrina@sccfs.com) if you have any questions in reference to this survey process. Please select the survey link below to begin. We are sending this invitation to a broad group of representatives, so we apologize if this is a duplicate email. ***If you are aware of anyone else who should participate in this survey, please forward this email to them. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this project.***

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/9JK3FM6](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9JK3FM6)

In light and gratitude,

#### **Sabrina Williams**

Cultural Programs Coordinator

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## ECE CULTURE AND LANGUAGE RESOURCES

### **Squamish Nation Children's Website for Squamish Language**

[www.Sta7uwlh.com](http://www.Sta7uwlh.com)

Launched in April 2009, this is a collection of web-based tools and games to encourage Squamish Nation children to learn more about their past and present in the Squamish language. The website features beautiful artwork, items for click and play to hear the names of the photos, stories, history, and so much more. *For more information please contact Squamish Language Instructor Vanessa Campbell at (604) 9890-4553.*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Healthy Youth Today, Healthy World Tomorrow**

**Date:** Feb 11-12, 2010  
**Location:** Harbour Towers Hotel, Victoria, BC  
**Registration:** Download registration form from [www.cyhrnet.ca/cyhrnetevents.php](http://www.cyhrnet.ca/cyhrnetevents.php)  
 Fax to Centre for Youth Society at (250) 472-5470  
**Contact:** Call the Centre for Youth Society at (250) 853-3113 or email [cys@uvic.ca](mailto:cys@uvic.ca)

CYHRNet is pleased to support this Centre for Youth & Society conference that will look at youth health from a holistic perspective, taking into account their psychological, physical, emotional, social and spiritual health, and how these areas are related to overall well-being. CYHRNet Co-Leader [Dr. Bonnie Leadbeater](#) will be one of the keynote speakers for the event, along with Miss Hannah Taylor who founded the [Ladybug Foundation](#) to help end homelessness at the age of six. *Registration is free and breakfast, coffee breaks and lunch will be provided on both days.*

#### **South Island Training Initiative Conference 2010 - Mental Health and Wellness**

**Date:** March 3 and 4, 2010  
**Location:** Queenswood retreat centre, Saanich, BC  
**Contact:** For more information contact Patty Loveridge, Conference Coordinator, SITI Conference, 250-294-0381, email to: [info@siticonference.ca](mailto:info@siticonference.ca) website: [www.siticonference.ca](http://www.siticonference.ca)  
*This 2 day SITI conference is for community social service workers.*

#### **Treating Infant Sleep Problems as a Public Health Issue: A Workshop by Infant Sleep Expert Dr. Wendy Hall**

**Date:** March 5, 2010  
**Location:** Campus View Room, Cadboro Conference Centre  
 University of Victoria, Victoria, BC  
**Registration:** Download Registration Request from [www.cyhrnet.ca/cyhrnetevents.php](http://www.cyhrnet.ca/cyhrnetevents.php) and email to [sbooth@uvic.ca](mailto:sbooth@uvic.ca) or fax to 250-721-8929.  
**Contact:** Shelly Booth, CYHRNet Executive Director, [sbooth@uvic.ca](mailto:sbooth@uvic.ca) or 250-472-4823

Infant sleep problems are a serious impediment to children's healthy growth and development. This workshop, led by infant sleep expert Dr. Wendy Hall, will examine the questions such as what is normal infant sleep? What is an infant sleep problem? Why are infant sleep issues problematic? What treatments have been shown to be efficacious, and how can we link this to public health? *Registration is free for CYHRNet members, but seating is limited.*

### **"Going for the Gold": MCHP 20th Anniversary Conference**

**When:** March 8th, 9th, 2010

**Where:** Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, MB

The Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP) will celebrate its 20th year in 2010.

**\* For more information and to register, please visit:**

<http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/medicine/units/mchp/20th Anniversary Conference.html>

### **Gathering Our Voices: 2010 Provincial Aboriginal Youth Conference**

**Date:** March 10-13, 2010

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver BC

**EARLY REGISTRATION \$125 UNTIL FEBRUARY 5th, 2010**

**For every registered group of 5 youth, the 6th registrant is FREE!**

**ACT FAST AS THIS INCENTIVE IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION**

**REGULAR REGISTRATION \$175 FROM FEBRUARY 6th, 2010 TO EVENT**

**There must be one (1) chaperon for every five (5) participants 14-17 years of age.**

**For further information, please contact:**

Rosy Steinhauer, Youth Conference Coordinator

BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

E: [rsteinhauer@bcaafc.com](mailto:rsteinhauer@bcaafc.com) P: (250) 388-5522 / 1-800-990-2432 F: (250) 388-5502

The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres is excited to announce the 8th Annual Provincial Aboriginal Youth Conference Gathering Our Voices will be taking place March 10-13, 2010 in Vancouver, BC. For more information, please visit: [www.bcaafc.com/content/view/54/262/](http://www.bcaafc.com/content/view/54/262/)

Poster [Gathering our Voices poster](#)

### **Engage, Identify, Examine: A Workshop on Participatory Photo Mapping**

**Date:** March 12, 2010

**Location:** Room 660, Engineering/Computer Science Building (ECS),  
University of Victoria, Victoria BC

**Registration:** Download Registration Request from [www.cyhrnet.ca/cyhrnetevents.php](http://www.cyhrnet.ca/cyhrnetevents.php) and email to [sbooth@uvic.ca](mailto:sbooth@uvic.ca) or fax to 250-721-8929.

**Contact:** Shelly Booth, CYHRNet Executive Director, [sbooth@uvic.ca](mailto:sbooth@uvic.ca) or 250-472-4823

Building on Dr. David Brown's popular PPM presentation at CYHRNet's November 2009 AGM, the network is pleased to offer a PPM workshop which will further explain this integrative tool for documenting and communicating the experience of place to community stakeholders and decision-makers. In this workshop, aimed at health researchers and clinicians engaged in community-based collaborative projects, Dr. Brown will introduce PPM techniques, provide illustrations of its applications and engage participants in discussion about the use of innovated methods in community-based research. *Registration is free for CYHRNet members, but seating is limited.*

### **JOB POSTINGS**

**Full-Time ECE Assistant needed for the 3-5 year old Daycare/Head Start Room at the Snc'c'amlan Early Childhood Education Centre, Okanagan Indian Band, Vernon, BC - NEW**

**MUST HAVE:**

- Early Childhood Education Certificate and eligible for License to Practice
- Infant/Toddler Certificate and/or Special Needs Certificate an asset
- Must have reached 19 years of age
- Current First Aid/CPR
- Experience working with 3 to 5 year old children in a group daycare setting
- Ability to work cooperatively and show respect for all other Snc'c'amala?tn staff and programs

Preference may be given to those having knowledge of the Okanagan Indian Band community

Hours of work: Between 7:30 am and 5:30 pm (7.5 hours/day with a one hour unpaid lunch)

May be alternating shifts

Pay \$14.00/hour plus benefit package

Start date: March 15, 2010

A **Criminal Record Check**, **Medical Certificate** and **References** are required.

### **Deadline for Applications: Friday, March 5 at noon**

Please state position applying for and direct resume and cover letter to:

**Okanagan Indian Band**

12420 Westside Road

Vernon, B.C.

V1H 2A4

email [okibhr@okanagan.org](mailto:okibhr@okanagan.org)

Phone (250) 542-4328 Fax (250) 542-4990

**ONLY THE APPLICANTS WHO ARE SCREENED FOR AN INTERVIEW WILL BE CONTACTED**

### **Full-Time Senior Early Childhood Educator Needed at Eagles Nest AHS Preschool, Downtown Vancouver, BC - **NEW****

The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society has an opening for **one full time Senior Early Childhood Educator** at Eagles Nest Aboriginal Head Start Preschool. The Sr. ECE is responsible for the leadership, planning, and implementation of a classroom program designed to give each child an opportunity to participate in experiences that will enrich their development in a safe, culturally rich environment. The Sr. ECE will be directly supervising other ECE's and ECE students working in the classroom. The Sr. ECE will supervise the preschool program in accordance with current best practices and ensure that the program meets or exceeds all AHS expectations, licensing regulations and reporting requirements.

#### **Summary of Qualifications**

The Senior Early Childhood Educator will have demonstrated ability in:

- Planning and implementing developmentally appropriate activities and experiences.
- Ensuring health and safety for children.
- Encouraging children's learning and development of positive self-concept.
- Using appropriate guiding and caring for groups of children from 2 ½ to 5 years old.

- Maintaining positive communication with parents.
- Working effectively as a member of a team.

In addition, the Senior Early Childhood Educator will have:

- Valid Early Childhood Education Certificate and License to Practice. Post basic certificate an asset.
- Minimum 5 years experience working in a child care setting and with families, supervisory experience will be given preference.
- Strong interpersonal, written and oral communication skills, including computer skills.
- Clear Criminal Records Check conducted under the Criminal Records Review Act.
- Valid first aid training and certificate.
- Working knowledge of the Aboriginal Head Start philosophy and curriculum an asset.

#### Terms of Employment

- Full time (35 hours per week)
- Start Date: as soon as possible
- Remuneration: negotiable based on experience

#### Cover Letter & Resume to

Executive Director  
 BC Aboriginal Child Care Society  
 708 – 100 Park Royal South  
 West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2  
 Fax: 604-913-9129

*We thank all those who apply. Only those candidates selected for interview will be contacted. Where applicants for a position are equally suitable, preference will be given to the Aboriginal applicant.*

### **Part-Time ECE Supervisor Needed at Tee Pee Tot Daycare, Lower Similkameen Indian Band, Cawston BC - NEW**

**Position:** ECE Supervisor  
**Status:** Part time working into full time  
**Hours:** Negotiable  
**Wage:** Starting at \$14.00, also depends on experience  
**Location:** Tee Pee Tot Daycare  
 1930 Cawston/Oliver road,  
 Cawston BC

**Posting Date:** January 19, 2010

**Starting Date:** April 6, 2010

**Closing Date:** March 31, 2010

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Assists with the preparation of activity programs based on the centre's philosophy and policies. - With the work team, strives to create a happy atmosphere of caring, growth, learning, stimulation, creativity and respect

- Plans, organizes and leads daily activities designed to stimulate intellectual, physical and emotional growth of children, Encourages co-operation and participation.
- Maintains constant supervision of indoor and outdoor play periods.
- Directs and assists children with their everyday needs, in the development of proper eating, resting and toilet habits-
- Prepares daily snack and hot lunch.
- Follows good safety and hygiene practices,
- Encourages open communication with the parents concerning the needs, progress or problems of their children,
- Takes part in training sessions and attends personnel meetings.
- Performs all other related tasks.
- Performs daily maintenance of the centre and seasonal tasks.

**Qualifications:**

- Diploma or certificate in Early Childhood education
- Valid First Aid Certificate.
- Criminal Record check
- Updated TB test.
- Experience with children.
- 3 reference letters

**Application Instructions:** Please send cover letter, resume, references and qualification information to:

**Diane Stewart**  
 Box 100 Keremeos, BC  
 VOX 1N0  
 Email: [tpt@lsib.net](mailto:tpt@lsib.net)

**Full-Time Infant/Toddler Supervisor Needed at Tee Pee Tot Daycare, Lower Similkameen Indian Band, Cawston BC - NEW**

**Position:** Infant/toddler Supervisor  
**Status:** Full time  
**Hours:** 8:30 – 4:30  
**Wage:** \$16.00 to start, also depends on experience  
**Location:** Tee Pee Tot Daycare  
 1930 Cawston/Oliver road,  
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- Prepares daily snack.
- Follows good safety and hygiene practices.
- Encourages open communication with the parents concerning the need, progress or problems of their children.
- Takes part in training sessions and attend personal meetings.
- Performs all other related tasks.
- Performs daily maintenance of the centre and seasonal tasks.

**Qualifications:**

- Diploma or certificate in Early Childhood Education and Infant Toddler
- 1 year experience developing and delivering educational children's programs
- Valid First Aid Certificate
- Completes criminal record check
- Updated TB test
- 3 reference letters

**Application Instructions:** Please send cover letter, resume, references and qualification information to:

**Diane Stewart**  
Box 100 Keremeos, BC  
VOX 1N0  
Email: [tpt@lsib.net](mailto:tpt@lsib.net)

**Full-Time Position for Early Childhood Educator at the Smuyuq'wa' Lelum Lady Bug Lodge Day Care, Tsawwassen First Nation, BC - STILL OPEN**

Smuyuq'wa' Lelum requires a skilled, responsible worker to provide quality, inclusive child care services for young children in a group setting under the direction of the centre's Early Childhood Education Manager.

**Scope:** Full Time; Monday to Friday

**Summary of Duties:**

- a) Plan, carry out, and assess developmentally appropriate activities and experiences that promote the well-being of each child and that respect and reflect the diverse needs of children.
- b) Assist client understanding of intake forms.
- c) Individualize the curriculum and ensure that all activities are accessible.
- d) Determine specific times during the day when some children may require extra staffing support.
- e) Ensure guidance of children's behavior that encourages positive self concept.
- f) Ensure the child care environment is healthy and safe for all children.

- g) Ensure positive communication with enrolling parents/legal guardians.
- h) Contribute to the ongoing operation of the centre.
- i) Assist children in expressing themselves by listening and responding with questions or comments that extend conversations.
- j) Provide a daily balance of active/quiet, indoor/outdoor and individual/group activities.
- k) Use a variety of teaching techniques including modeling, observing, questioning, demonstrating and reinforcing.
- l) Set reasonable behavior expectations consistent with the centre's philosophy and policies.

**Job Skills and Abilities:**

- Ability to multitask & work independently
- Must possess strong interpersonal communication skills
- Plan/participation in Special Events
- Must possess strong organizational skills
- Conduct themselves in a professional manner and maintain strict confidentiality
- Ability to work independently while also a team player
- Must love children

**Qualifications/Experience**

- A valid Early Childhood Education Certificate and licence to practice (in accordance with the *Child Care Regulation*)
- A valid safety oriented first aid certificate
- A Food Safe certificate
- A tuberculosis test
- A criminal record check clearance letter

**Please fax or mail resume, a cover letter and two current references to:**

**Chrystalynn Wilson**

1926 Tsawwassen Drive

Tsawwassen BC, V4M 4G2

**Fax:** 604-943-9226

**E-mail:** [cwilson@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:cwilson@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)

***Deadline date: Until position filled***

**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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**Fax:** 604-943-9226

**E-mail:** [cwilson@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:cwilson@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)

***Deadline date: Until position filled***

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*If you missed the previous week's enews, please email [david@acc-society.bc.ca](mailto:david@acc-society.bc.ca)*

**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](mailto:david@acc-society.bc.ca) and we can spread the news through our enews and post them on our website [www.acc-society.bc.ca](http://www.acc-society.bc.ca) free of charge. Be sure to check our Job Postings page regularly!

**Format to post on our website:** Please send us the posting in both Word and PDF. Please use Calibri font size 11 and have the posting structured as follows:

<p><b>Position:</b> Position title</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Full-Time/part-time</p> <p><b>Location: Centre Name</b> Address</p> <p><b>Hours:</b></p> <p><b>Wages:</b></p> <p><b>Posting Date:</b> MM,DD, YYYY</p> <p><b>Starting Date:</b> MM,DD, YYYY</p> <p><b>Closing Date:</b> MM,DD, YYYY</p> <p><b>Duties:</b></p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b></p> <p><b>Application process/contact:</b></p>
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Thank you!

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  
[www.acc-society.bc.ca/files\\_new/whatnew.html](http://www.acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/whatnew.html)  
and scroll down until you see a photo of Lenora and Alisa.

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