

July 15, 2011 E-newsletter

BC Aboriginal Child Care Society

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- * World Indigenous Peoples’ Conference on Education

ABOUT OUR ENEWS

ACCS NEWS

*** Summer Hours in effect until September 2**

Please note that BC ACCS has switched to our summer hours, operating from 8:30- 4:30 Monday to Friday, effective immediately.

*** Find BC ACCS on Facebook**

Thanks to all our “new friends” on Facebook, we were able to change make it easier to find us. We post daily updates and links. If you have yet to connect with us, why not “friend” us or “like” our page?

Our profile where you can “friend” us:

<http://www.facebook.com/aboriginal.childcare>

Our “business page” where you can “like” us:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/BC-Aboriginal-Child-Care-Society/245673728781060>

*** Mary Thomas Memorial ECE Scholarship Application Due By: **July 31, 2011****

Graduations are in the air. If you or someone you know has just completed a Basic Early Childhood Education program or a Post-Basic Early Childhood Education program with flying colors this year, celebrate by applying for the Mary Thomas Memorial ECE Scholarship. Make sure that you start looking into it today as it will take a bit of time to get all the requirements in order. With the potential of either a \$1000 or \$1500 scholarship, it is worth the effort. In addition, your hard work honors the memory of a highly respected Neskonalith Elder, Mary Thomas who advocated for the environment and education.

BACKGROUND:

The Mary Thomas Memorial ECE Scholarship is presented and administered by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (ACCS), and was established using initial endowment funds from the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

The goal is to recognize and reward two Aboriginal ECE students each year for the highest academic achievement in a Basic Early Childhood Education program and in a Post-Basic Early Childhood Education program at an approved educational institution and ECE program within British Columbia. Each year, ACCS will offer one scholarship in the amount of \$1500 for eligible Post-Basic ECE students, and one scholarship in the amount of \$1000 for eligible Basic ECE students.

For more information/ to download the application form:

http://www.acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/ECE-scholarship.html

Please call us or email us with any questions you may have: 604-913-9128

*** Advance Notice- Save the Date — November 11-12, 2011**
[BC ACCS 14th Annual Provincial Training Conference](#)
Embracing our Children's Spirit.

Location: Richmond BC

Theme: Spiritual Health in Children

RESOURCES

*** [With Dad: Strengthening the Circle of Care](#)**

The National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health will soon release a documentary film inspired by their national showcase that brought Dads together with Elders, program leaders and others to better support Indigenous fathers in communities, programs, research and policies in Canada.

More information is available on the NCCAH website: [slideshow](#), highlights and [graphic posters](#). To request a copy of the upcoming DVD, which will also be posted on the NCCAH website, email: nccah@unbc.ca.

[www.nccah-ccnsa.ca/245/ With Dad A showcase on Aboriginal Father Involvement.nccah](http://www.nccah-ccnsa.ca/245/With%20Dad%20A%20showcase%20on%20Aboriginal%20Father%20Involvement.nccah)

FUNDING

[Aboriginal ECD Reinvestment Initiative](#)

Call for Applications for 2011-12 Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Reinvestment Initiative Grant Programs. 2 grant programs remaining:

*** Service Planning/Capacity Building (up to \$15,000)**

DEADLINE: JULY 29, 2011

*** Program Enhancements (up to \$15,000)**

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The grants are similar to 2010's grant programs, but there have been some clarifications made regarding eligible and ineligible grant expenses and about the mandatory supporting documents that must be included with applications.

NOTE: New phone, fax and email where applications are sent to Toll Free: 1-888-480-3931 Local Phone 250 590-5691 Fax: 250-590-6785

Email Applications to: aeed@bcaafc.com

MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORMS:

<http://www.bcaafc.com/initiatives/ecdreinvestment>

UPCOMING EVENTS

* **Caregiver Information Sessions 2011**

When: **July 28, 2011**

Where: Nil/Tu,0 Child and Family Services Office –
#1 – 2475 Mt. Newton X Rd , Victoria BC

Contact: Sylvia Jones: (250)544-1400 or email sjones@niltuo.com

Description: Learn more about how to foster Aboriginal Children and youth.

* **World Indigenous People's Conference on Education**

When: **August 14-18, 2011**

Where: Cusco Peru

Contact: Maryrossie Vergara - Coordinator

Phone: +511 444 3384 ext 211 Mobile: +51 98 664 7473

Email: maryrossie@wipce2011.net

Description: The conference has three main areas of focus: Indigenous Education for Future Generations, Living Indigenous Languages, and Indigenous Wisdom for Common Welfare

* **Caregiver Information Sessions 2011**

When: **September 29, 2011**

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.

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to communications@acc-society.bc.ca If you missed the previous week's enews, you can
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