

## June 24, 2011 E-newsletter

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Embracing our Children's Spirit.

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

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#### **ABOUT OUR ENEWS**

## **ACCS NEWS**

### **\* 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 Neskonlith 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](http://www.acc-society.bc.ca/files_new/ECE-scholarship.html)**

**Please call us or email us with any questions you may have: 604-913-9129**

***[\\* REMINDER: Call for Presentations, BC ACCS 14th Annual Provincial Training Conference, Embracing our Children's Spirit.](#)***

***DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: July 15, 2011***

The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (ACCS) invites you to submit proposals for a workshop that will be part of our 14th Annual Provincial Training Conference taking place on November 11 & 12, 2011 at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel (3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC).

At ACCS, a primary focus of our training and professional development events is to translate our culturally rich traditions into effective ECD programs and services. We believe that community involvement, leadership, and support are central to the healthy, holistic development of Aboriginal children, and we seek to promote the capacity of ECD professionals to design and deliver programs and services that are immersed in our

cultures and communities. Primary consideration will be given to workshop proposals that reflect these considerations and relate to our conference theme.

**Theme: Spiritual Health in Children**

Children can have profound spiritual wisdom. This can manifest in many distinct forms, be it a fascination with animals, language learning, ancestral stories, ceremonial practice or connection to land. As Early Childhood Development professionals we need to recognize this connection and tailor our work towards providing opportunities for children to further understand the world they live in. This year's conference theme will create opportunities for open dialogue between early childhood educators and others to consider how spirituality is developed in young children. Workshops should encourage participants/delegates to include activities within their programs to achieve this goal.

Some suggested workshop themes include: \* Connections to Land \* Ancestral Knowledge \* Special Needs/Gifted Children \* Assessment Tools \* Traditional Protocol \* Storytelling \* Arts & Culture \* Music & Movement \* Language Teaching Methodologies \* Generative Curriculum \* Identity & Belonging \* Father Involvement \* Parenting.

**\* 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

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CLICK ON JOB TITLE TO GO TO FULL JOB POSTING

Job Title: **Facilitator- Part Time- NEW**

Organization: Splantsin Tsm7aksaltn, Family & Youth Promotion Project

Location: Enderby, BC

Posted on: June 24, 2011 | Closing on: June 30, 2011

Job Title: **Elder Facilitator- Part Time- NEW**

Organization: Splantsin Tsm7aksaltn, Family & Youth Promotion Project

Location: Enderby, BC

Posted on: June 24, 2011 | Closing on: June 30, 2011

Job Title: **Aboriginal Education Community Liaison- NEW**

Organization: Vancouver School Board

Location: Vancouver, BC

Posted on: June 24, 2011 | Closing on: June 30, 2011

## **NEWS**

\* BC Government News:

NANAIMO – As the doors officially opened at a new supportive and affordable housing development for Aboriginal Youth and Elders in Nanaimo a neighbouring youth safe house broke ground.

Read more at [http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news\\_releases\\_2009-2013/2011ENER0042-000697.htm](http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2011ENER0042-000697.htm)

VANCOUVER – A development that will offer affordable housing for Aboriginal foster families, youth transitioning out of foster care and low-income families has started construction in Vancouver.

Read more at [http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news\\_releases\\_2009-2013/2011ENER0049-000721.htm](http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2011ENER0049-000721.htm)

## **RESOURCES**

\* **Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Development**  
**4 new resources for parents**

Description: “At a young age, children learn the basic skills of reading and counting. As a parent, you can help them to develop these abilities by simply providing fun daily opportunities to learn them. Developing these crucial skills will help your child to succeed in school.”

*Click on the title to download the PDF:*

**[Numeracy: It adds up to more than counting](#)**

**[Preventing math learning difficulties: It adds up to success](#)**

**[Preventing reading difficulties: It spells success!](#)**

**[Social cognition: Helping your child understand people’s thoughts and feelings](#)**

## **FUNDING**

### **Aboriginal ECD Reinvestment Initiative**

Call for Applications for 2011-12 Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Reinvestment Initiative Grant Programs. 4 grant programs available:

\* **Capital Grants (up to \$10,000)**

**DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2011**

\* **Language and Culture (up to \$20,000)**

**DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2011 (for summer programs/ projects)**

**\* Service Planning/Capacity Building (up to \$15,000)**  
**DEADLINE: JULY 29, 2011**

**\* Program Enhancements (up to \$15,000)**  
**DEADLINE: August 12, 2011**

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](mailto:aeed@bcaafc.com)*

**MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORMS:**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\* [Dr. Anne Meade, A Safe Environment which Enables Students to Debate: a study of high Maori success rates in a teacher education program:](#)**

When: **July 6, 2011**

Where: David Strong Building, Room C112, University of Victoria.

Description: The presentation will explain the importance for completion of supportive relationships and use of Maori language and customs that are fostered both by the bicultural organization and by its delivery in 15 locations.

To download a poster of the event: <http://web.uvic.ca/~reach/uvicsubpage.htm>

**\* [Caregiver Information Sessions 2011](#)**

When: **July 28 2011**

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

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

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

**\* [Caregiver Information Sessions 2011](#)**

When: **September 29 2011**

Where: Location To Be Announced

Contact: Rebecca Ragsdale: (250)952-4041 or email [Rebeca.Ragsdale@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rebeca.Ragsdale@gov.bc.ca)

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

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