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*"The data tell us that the sacrifices made by Chiefs and community frontline workers made a difference in flattening the curve for First Nations people," said Charlene Belleau, Chair of the First Nations Health Council. "We grieve with those who lost loved ones. We must stay vigilant with physical distancing and keeping our family bubbles small as our communities consider re-opening – to continue keeping our most vulnerable safe, including our Elders and Knowledge Keepers." From FNHA Reports 86 First Nations Cases of COVID-19 to June 14, 2020*

## Permission for Educators to use Moe the Mouse® to Support Children



In recognition for all that you do, BCACCS would like to support educators to provide online activities for children during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BCACCS gives permission to programs and educators, who have received Making the Most of Moe® training, to use Moe the Mouse® for circle and other online activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Share your adventures using #MoeTheMouse

# BCACCS Shares COVID-19 Resources

Facing challenges such as coronavirus (COVID-19) is not new to Indigenous communities. We have responded to many different emergencies for many years. However, this will take all of us working together to keep us strong, safe and healthy.

The BCACCS COVID-19 webpage offers information for Indigenous early learning and child care (IELCC) programs and Indigenous families and communities about keeping safe, available funding, and other types of COVID-19 resources.

## BCACCS RESOURCES

As child care programs across the province prepare to re-open BCACCS has developed this document, “Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Program Re-Opening Considerations” to support managers and educators as they consider what changes will be required to maximize the safety of their programs under the current COVID-19 conditions.

Download Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Program Re-Opening Considerations

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Reopening-Considerations-D6.pdf>

This BCACCS resource sheet, “Considerations for Continuity of Safe Care During COVID-19 Pandemic Conditions”, offers ideas and considerations for community leadership and IELCC programs who may decide to provide continued and/or alternative child care supports and services to families and communities during pandemic conditions.

Download Considerations for Continuity of Safe Care During COVID-19 Pandemic Conditions

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Reopening-Considerations-D6.pdf>

At this unprecedented time everyone’s health, safety, and well-being, should be at the heart of every employer’s decision-making.

This “Human Resources Considerations Related to COVID-19 Resource Sheet” offers ideas and considerations for IELCC program managers and employers who would like some ideas about how to provide support to staff as we enter the phase of a new normal.

## “Help stop the spread of COVID-19”

Stay safe physical distance apart (2 meters away) #flattenthecurve



**Wash your hands often with soapy water for 20 seconds.**  
**#flattenthecurve**

**Stay healthy. Stay safe.**  
**Find out other ways to protect yourself. Click here.**

Download the Human Resources Considerations Related to COVID-19 Resource Sheet

[https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/HR.2.4\\_2final.pdf](https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/HR.2.4_2final.pdf)

**Download BCACCS COVID-19 Re-Opening tools and templates**



**Stay safe. Stay healthy.**

## WEBSITE

The links below take you directly to the various sections available on the webpage.

Homepage:

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/early-learning-and-child-care-resources-for-navigating-covid-19/>

Resources for early childhood educators

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/services/early-learning-and-child-care-resources-for-navigating-covid-19/resources-to-support-educators-and-early-learning-and-child-care-programs/>

Resources for children and families at home

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/services/early-learning-and-child-care-resources-for-navigating-covid-19/resources-to-support-children-and-families-at-home/>

BCACCS COVID-19 resources

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/services/early-learning-and-child-care-resources-for-navigating-covid-19/bcaccs-covid-19-resources/>

Important COVID-19 health information

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/services/early-learning-and-child-care-resources-for-navigating-covid-19/covid-19-public-health-authority-and-government-information/>

Mental health support

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/services/early-learning-and-child-care-resources-for-navigating-covid-19/covid-19-mental-health-support-resources/>

Financial and social support

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/services/early-learning-and-child-care-resources-for-navigating-covid-19/covid-19-financial-and-social-support-resources/>

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## COVID-19 Emergency Funding Available Now!

To support emerging needs and priorities during this emergency period, the IELCC Terms and Conditions of the Government of Canada have temporarily extended eligible spending to encompass activities that provide assistance to Indigenous children and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

First Nations and Urban IELCC Programs and Services (Aboriginal Friendship Centres, Head Start Programs, Aboriginal Infant Development, Aboriginal Supported Child Development, Aboriginal Child Care, etc.) can apply for one-time funding to support children birth to six years of age and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recipients can receive up to \$10,000 in funding for the period of June 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020.

Download the information sheet to find out more:

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Emergency-COVID-19-Funding-INFO-SHEET-D5final.pdf>

Connect with your Regional Community Facilitator if you have questions.

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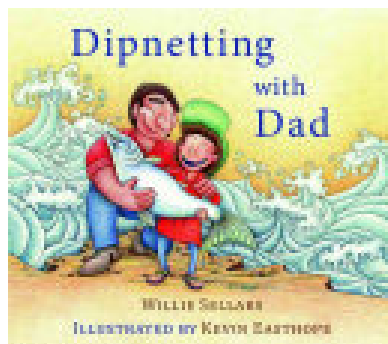
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# Happy Father's Day

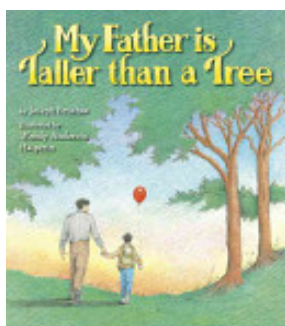
BCACCS is highlighting resources that you and your program can use to celebrate the importance of fatherhood and family.



## Dipnetting with Dad

Author Willie Sellars and illustrated by Kevin Easthope.

This is a delightful and colourful story of a father teaching his son the Secwepemc method of fishing known as dipnetting.



## My Father is Taller than a Tree

Author Joseph Bruchac and illustrated by Wendy Halperin.

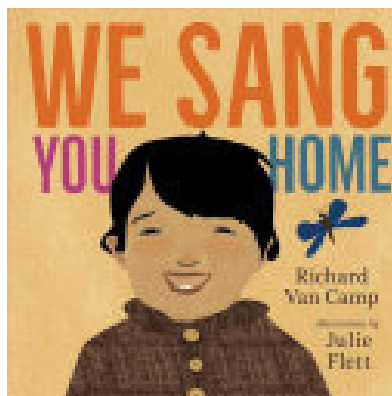
This book describes, in rhyming text and illustrations, the many different ways fathers and sons interact with one another.



## Welcome Song for Baby: a Lullaby for Newborns

Author Richard Van Camp.

Complemented with stunning photographs, this evocative board book is perfectly suited as a first book for every baby.



## We Sang you Home

Author Richard Van Camp and illustrated by Julie Flett.

A sweet and lyrical board book, gentle rhyming text captures the wonder new parents feel as they welcome their new baby.

## Kiss by Kiss: a Counting Book for Families

Author Richard Van Camp and translated by Mary Cardinal Collins.

A delightful dual-language rhyming board book.

# Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day Online

National Indigenous History Month was established in June 2009, as a way to educate, connect and promote reconciliation in Canada.

In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Both holidays invite us to not only to celebrate Indigenous culture, but also to reflect on the rich history of Indigenous peoples in BC. National Indigenous Peoples Day 2020 celebrations are among the many events that have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

To help you celebrate during this difficult time here is a list of places that are celebrating online.

- Maple Ridge celebration
- Virtual events for National Indigenous Peoples Day in northern Canada
- Vancity celebrates National Indigenous Peoples Day 2020
- The Carnegie Community Centre Celebrates National Indigenous Peoples Day
- Indigenous Tourism BC
- WAG & Indigenous Music Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day with Virtual Powwow



# BCACCS Conference Save the Date

The BCACCS conference theme this year is “Our Journey Together: Resilience, Innovation, and Hope.”

The event is now scheduled to take place online between November 6-7, 2020.

Due to the current unprecedented situation of COVID-19 our 23<sup>rd</sup> conference will be held virtually.

We have shifted to a virtual meeting space with the goal of providing an engaging and meaningful experience for those who attend.

We are grateful for your patience and support as the Society grapples with the challenge of transforming our Annual Conference into a new opportunity.

The success of our virtual conference will depend on all of us working together and creating a common space – and purpose – as we build a dynamic, interactive, and inclusive conference.

As always, should you have any suggestions for training please get in touch. Email [kirsten@acc-society.bc.ca](mailto:kirsten@acc-society.bc.ca).

We are working hard to build an engaging and fun-filled event.

Registration is scheduled to open in September. Updates will be shared through our weekly E-News, social media, and our website.

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/education-training/bcaccs-annual-provincial-training-conference/>



## BCACCS is Recruiting

The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) is a Centre of Excellence for Indigenous early learning and child care (IELCC). We help support Indigenous communities develop high quality, culturally respectful, spiritually enriching, community child care services that are based in the child’s culture, language and history. Join our team!

### Regional Community Facilitators (Northern)

[https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Community\\_Facilitator\\_Aug2020\\_Job\\_Posting\\_final.pdf](https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Community_Facilitator_Aug2020_Job_Posting_final.pdf)

### Regional Community Facilitator (Interior)

[https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Community\\_Facilitator\\_2020\\_Job\\_Posting\\_Interior.pdf](https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Community_Facilitator_2020_Job_Posting_Interior.pdf)

### Director of Programs and Operations

[https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Director-of-Operations\\_BCACCS-Job-Posting\\_June-24.2020.pdf](https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Director-of-Operations_BCACCS-Job-Posting_June-24.2020.pdf)

### Provincial Aboriginal Child Care Advisor (Interior/Northern)

[https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/JOB-POSTING-for-BCACCS-Provincial-Child-Care-Advisor\\_Aug11.2020-Final.pdf](https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/JOB-POSTING-for-BCACCS-Provincial-Child-Care-Advisor_Aug11.2020-Final.pdf)

### Preschool Cook / Early Childhood Educator Assistant

[https://mcusercontent.com/a74eaafbca72d669859e6453b/files/08144834-3fcd-40bb-bb67-41342ac6c7d8/SF\\_cook\\_ECEA2020\\_final.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/a74eaafbca72d669859e6453b/files/08144834-3fcd-40bb-bb67-41342ac6c7d8/SF_cook_ECEA2020_final.pdf)

### Early Childhood Educator

[https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ECE-Job-Posting-June.24.2020-SF\\_final.pdf](https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ECE-Job-Posting-June.24.2020-SF_final.pdf)

# BCACCS Summer Online Training Opportunities

As part of the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) Indigenous early learning and child care training opportunities we are hosting online workshops throughout the summer to help support programs and provide training.

The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) is an Aboriginal Resource & Referral & Support Services provider. BCACCS is proud to provide quality professional development to BC's Early Years Professionals with funding from the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development.

## Hey My Brain Doesn't Work That Way!!

Three-part online workshop dates:

Part 1 - July 22 (1:00-3:30PM)

Part 2 - July 24 (1:00-3:30PM)

Part 3 - July 28 (1:00-3:30PM)

Time: 1:00 – 3:30PM | Online

Cost: \$40.00

Trauma Influences, Sensory

Temperament, Linking Sensory Temperament, and Resilience Strategies.

In this three-part workshop participants will explore many topics including: how toxins affect the brain, trauma, stress system and arousal, the sensory systems, and resilience as a product of love, attachment and bond resilience.

Facilitator:

*Occupational therapist Marc Landry has worked with children for over 30 years. His experience involves helping people understand the challenges of sensory processing and self-regulation.*

Sign up now by using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bcaccs-hey-my-brain-doesnt-work-that-way-tickets-113412718494>



## Indigenous Early Learning And Child Care Community Of Practice Re-Opening Meeting

Dates:

July 30, 2020

August 6, 2020

August 13, 2020

August 20, 2020

August 27, 2020

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM | Online

Cost: Free

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that we must all adjust to a new normal and do our part to reduce the spread of the virus.

The BCACCS Advisors are holding weekly community of practice meetings throughout the summer to support all Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC) programs throughout the province in organizing their re-opening.

Come ready to share your stories about strategies and practices for re-opening and physical distancing that have worked and challenges you would like to talk through.

We will support each other by listening and sharing practical ideas and suggestion.

## Making the Most of Moe® Workshop

Date: August 8, 2020

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM PST |  
Online

Cost: \$25.00

Making the Most of Moe® is a five-hour online workshop created, owned and facilitated by Anne Gardner and Margaret Chesterman, the Speech-Language Pathologists who developed Moe the Mouse® for BCACCS.

In this workshop educators are shown how to use the Moe the Mouse® Curriculum Box. The basics of speech and language development in young children, strategies for supporting children's speech and language development, and strategies for supporting children with speech and language delays in childcare, preschool, and home settings are reviewed.

Sign up now by using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/making-the-most-of-moe-tickets-114364906514>

### REGISTER NOW!

**Working Together to Create Strategies for Well-Being During Covid-19**

Date: August 12, 2020  
Location: Online  
Time: 9:30 – 11:30AM  
Cost: \$15.00

Children & teachers are dealing with feelings of anxiety, uncertainty, and stress during the current pandemic. The need for social distancing has taken us away from our communities of practice and from opportunities to create solutions together. This workshop will share some current research on the impacts of stress in young children to explore habits that enhance well-being. The hope of this workshop is to enable ECE's to dialogue and apply their wealth of experience. Using Group discussions along with the Early Learning Framework of BC, we will all together create strategies to foster well-being for children and educators.

Register with this link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bcaccs-working-together-to-create-strategies-for-well-being-during-covid-tickets-114844462880>

#### Facilitators:

**Daniel Lindskog-Wilson** has been working in Early Childhood Education (ECE) for over a decade and is currently teaching ECE at Vancouver Community College and Burnaby Community Continuing Education. He has a BEd in ECE from Capilano University and presently working on his MA in ECE at UBC. His passions are Children's literature (he has worked in children's bookstores for 14 years) and curriculum development. Currently, he has focused on curricula that work with children to develop responsive, emergent, and democratic curricula and its challenges.

**Jennie Roberts** is Ojibway but, identifies as Stó:lō Xwelxwelmexw and resides on Tzeachten First Nation. She is the Mom of 10 children and a proud Grandma and Great Grandma. She graduated from the University of the Fraser Valley Early Childhood Education with a Special Needs Diploma.

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BCACCS is taking proactive measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace and community.

The BCACCS West Vancouver Office will remain closed until further notice.

Employees will continue to work remotely.

Please bare with us. We are attempting to reply to all inquiries as fast as possible.

Both Aboriginal Head Start pre-schools (Singing Frog and Eagle's Nest) will re-open for summer term in alignment with the Vancouver School Board and health authority policy.



*Caring for Our Children* is published by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS). It is distributed to BCACCS members, on and off reserve child care centres, Head Start programs, Bands and Tribal Councils in BC and individuals interested in Indigenous early childhood education and care.

Readers are invited to reprint articles provided proper credit is given. We welcome the submission of articles, book reviews, artwork, photos, letters and poetry.

We acknowledge current funding support from The BC Ministry of Children and Family Development. BCACCS is a proud affiliate of the Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCC). BCACCS membership also means membership with the CCCC, including automatic subscription to the CCCC *Interaction* magazine.

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## BECOME A MEMBER

Membership at BCACCS provides a provincial forum to network and share ideas regarding Aboriginal child care and child development issues. Direct benefits and privileges of membership include:

- Free annual subscription to the Society's quarterly newsletter "Caring for Our Children"
- Resource Library borrowing privileges, with access to more than 1400 child-focused books, articles and videos, as well as BCACCS ECE curriculum boxes (including Moe the Mouse®)
- Discounted rate on BCACCS publications
- Discounted rate on registration for the BCACCS Annual Provincial Training Conference
- The ability to participate and vote on the business of the Society
- Membership with the Canadian Child Care Federation which includes receipt of their quarterly magazine, "Interaction"
- A voice in a professional Aboriginal organization dedicated to quality child care
- Opportunity to support, shape and influence Aboriginal child care policy, research and practice, both provincially and nationally

To learn more visit our website <https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/about/become-a-member/> or contact [library@acc-society.bc.ca](mailto:library@acc-society.bc.ca) 604-913-9128 ext. 229.

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