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*"In the present world, indigenous people are still feeling the effects of the historical assaults on their traditional cultures; they are still experiencing ignorance and outright hostility to their existence, especially their claims to territories and rights as the original people who "owned," i.e. had a relationship with the land."*

Celia Haig-Brown, A Pedagogy of the Land: Dreams of Respectful Relations, p. 466, Fall 2002

## Re-launch of From Seed to Cedar in May

BCACCS is celebrating Child Care Month 2021 by launching our Seed to Cedar campaign.

Support the campaign by watching and sharing the videos.

As Nations recover traditions and assert their rights, we are reminded that strength, wisdom, and healing is strong in Indigenous ways of raising children. Show that you #SupportIELCC and become an IELCC champion.

In celebration of May as Child Care Month BCACCS is re-launching the From Seed to Cedar Indigenous Early Learning Child Care (IELCC) Awareness Campaign this May.

With the right conditions the smallest seeds can become the tallest cedars. IELCC programs play a central role in creating the conditions that nurture the potential of our children and unlock the spirit of our communities.

Visit our website, <https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/services/campaigns-projects/seed-to-cedar-awareness-campaign/> to find resources and share the message with your community, co-workers, and family.

View and share the videos, sign the declaration; ask friends, colleagues, and family to support the campaign too.

Stay tuned for re-launch notices, spread the word, and learn about other ways to participate and share how important IELCC is for BC communities. Like us [www.facebook.com/#IELCC2021](http://www.facebook.com/#IELCC2021).

Show your support for the campaign. Post or tweet #SeedtoCedar and share how you celebrate #ChildCareMonth. Don't forget, May 20 is Child Care Provider Appreciation Day!



## Jordan's Principle Hub Website RFP and Recruitment

Jordan's Principle (JP) Hub Website RFP Closes March 23, 2021

### Introduction

The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) is committed to nurturing excellence through community outreach, education and training, research and advocacy, to ensure every Indigenous child in BC has access to spiritually enriching, culturally based, high quality early learning and child care services. Our office is located in West Vancouver, BC.

BCACCS is accepting proposals to:

- 1) Design a website for the Jordan's Principle Provincial Service Hub. This is a new project that provides a platform with both public facing and backend "secure member only" access, an integrated training component, and will follow federal communications policy as needed;
- 2) engage with relevant audiences to understand their needs;
- 3) design products to be included on the website (e.g. info sheets, FAQs);
- 4) create copy to be included on the website;
- 5) create a procedure manual and style guide specific to the website maintenance;

- 6) set-up domain and hosting; and
- 7) provide recommendations for software and processes for collaboration for working across the province.

### Context

This will be a concept to completion project. The anticipated deadline is to have wire frame design complete by May 21, 2021 and soft launch of completed site by June 21, 2021. The focus is on having a website that helps connect people to people, people to services, people to information and resources, people to training and development, and people to advocacy.

Deadline: 5:00pm on March 23, 2021

[https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BCACCS\\_JP-website-RFP\\_D5\\_Mar9web.pdf](https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BCACCS_JP-website-RFP_D5_Mar9web.pdf)

### Apply today for Jordan's Principle job postings

*Jordan's Principle (JP) Service Coordination Hub Manager*

The JP Service Coordination Hub Manager will work closely with and report to the Director of Operations to provide knowledgeable support

to oversee the development, implementation of the JP Service Coordination Hub. The Hub's purpose is to provide province-wide support, direction, training, and information to JP Service Coordinators in local communities as they support children and families in connecting to needed products, services and supports. The JP Service Coordination Hub Manager will also oversee Hub staff and JP Resource Coordinators working within BCACCS.

Metro Vancouver, BC preferred

Application deadline: March 17, 2021

### How to Apply

Please submit a resume and a cover letter explaining how you meet the job requirements and send to reception at [jobs@acc-society.bc.ca](mailto:jobs@acc-society.bc.ca) citing "Jordan's Principle (JP) Service Coordination Hub Manager" in the subject line. All applications must include cover letter and resume as one document in PDF format.

[https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Jordans-Principle-Hub-Manager-Job-Posting-BCACCS-Mar3.2021\\_RevisionsISC.pdf](https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Jordans-Principle-Hub-Manager-Job-Posting-BCACCS-Mar3.2021_RevisionsISC.pdf)

### *Jordan's Principle (JP) Service Coordination Hub Resource Coordinators*

The JP Service Coordination Hub Resource Coordinators will assist in the development and implementation of the JP Service Coordination Hub. They will also provide ongoing support to JP Service Coordinators across the province, assist in developing/maintaining resources and training tools including the JP Toolkit, work with federal, provincial and Indigenous community partners, oversee compliance with confidentiality and communications, plan regular JP Service Coordinator staff meetings and information sharing initiatives, be the central keepers of the JP Service Coordinator community of practice, answer calls/emails and questions of JP Service Coordinators, lead the evaluation of the Service Coordinator Hub program delivery, and oversee planning of the JP Service Coordination Regional conference with contractors.

Metro Vancouver, BC preferred

Application deadline: March 19, 2021

### How to Apply

Please submit a resume and a cover letter explaining how you meet the job requirements and send to reception at [jobs@acc-society.bc.ca](mailto:jobs@acc-society.bc.ca) citing "Service Coordination Hub Resource Coordinator" in the subject line. All applications must include cover letter and resume as one document in PDF format.

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JORDAN4.pdf>

### *Jordan's Principle (JP) Service Coordination Hub Administrative Coordinator*

The Service Coordination Hub Administrative Coordinator will report to the Hub Manager, who will oversee the development and implementation of the JP Hub. The Hub's purpose is to provide province-wide support, direction, training, and information to JP Service Coordinators in local communities as they support children and families in connecting to needed products, services and supports. The position will provide administrative support, including answering calls, assisting

in the day-to-day operations of the Hub, including sharing of information through the website, emails, and the community of practice, as well as helping to coordinate regular provincial JP Service Coordinator and Hub meetings, events, and information sharing initiatives.

Metro Vancouver, BC preferred

Application deadline: March 19, 2021

### How to Apply

Please submit a resume and a cover letter explaining how you meet the job requirements and send to reception at [jobs@acc-society.bc.ca](mailto:jobs@acc-society.bc.ca) citing "Application for Jordan's Principle Service Hub Administrative

Coordinator" in the subject line. All applications must include cover letter and resume as one document in PDF format.

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Jordans-Principle-Service-Hub-Administrative-CoordinatorMar9.pdf>



Jordan's Principle is a child-first principle to ensure First Nations children get the services they need when they need them.

To submit a request for services through Jordan's Principle, call: 1-855-JP-CHILD (1-855-572-4453)

Or visit [canada.ca/jordans-principle](http://canada.ca/jordans-principle). If you have any difficulties accessing services through Jordan's Principle, please contact your provincial child advocate or ombudsperson or the 24-hour Jordan's Principle line (above).

Find out more about how the First Nations Caring Society supports Jordan's Principle. Visit [www.jordansprinciple.ca](http://www.jordansprinciple.ca).

## Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education

Nominate an outstanding educator today!

The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education honour outstanding and innovative early childhood educators who excel at fostering the early development and socialization of the children in their care, and at helping build the foundation children need to make the best possible start in life. Guidelines and nomination forms are available at <https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/pmaeceppepe.nsf/eng/home>.

## How Childcare Providers Are Feeling After a Year of COVID-19

Throughout the year parents have gained perspective on what early childhood educators mean to their families and the early education sector has differing opinions on how things have been handled throughout this unprecedented time. Read what contributors to the early childhood field think about these issues and about the ways that ECEs have or have not been prioritized in the U.S. and Canada throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

[https://blog.himama.com/how-childcare-providers-are-feeling-after-a-year-of-covid-19/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter\\_05112021](https://blog.himama.com/how-childcare-providers-are-feeling-after-a-year-of-covid-19/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_05112021)

## Spring Conference Highlights

Our spring training event focused on Land-based experiences. Land-based programming assumes an environmental approach to learning that recognizes the deep connection and relationship of Indigenous peoples to the Land. It seeks to share the understanding of the Land that is grounded within Indigenous knowledge and pedagogy through the cultivation and observation of the relationship between people and the Land. Thank you to all our participants, presenters, guests and volunteers.

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



## Bear Witness Day

May 10 is Spirit Bear's birthday and an important date in the history of Jordan's Principle at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. The Tribunal's first non-compliance order called for Canada to fully implement Jordan's Principle by May 10, 2016. Unfortunately, it took several more years and many non-compliance orders (September 2016, May 2017, November 2017) against Canada before any real progress was made.

Jordan's Principle ([www.jordansprinciple.ca](http://www.jordansprinciple.ca)) is a child first principle and legal rule named in memory of Jordan River Anderson. It ensures First Nations children receive the services and supports they need when they need them.

Show your support and "Bear Witness" to ensure Jordan's Principle is fully implemented. Here are some COVID-19 safe things you can do at home:

Take part in the online screening of Spirit Bear and Children Make History!

Hang out with your bears or favourite stuffed animal at home! Ask loved ones in your home to participate too! You can let your neighbours know that you are participating in Bear Witness Day by placing your teddy bear or a drawing of a bear

in the window.

Host an online teddy bear tea party or bear birthday party to honour Jordan River Anderson and to learn about Jordan's Principle.

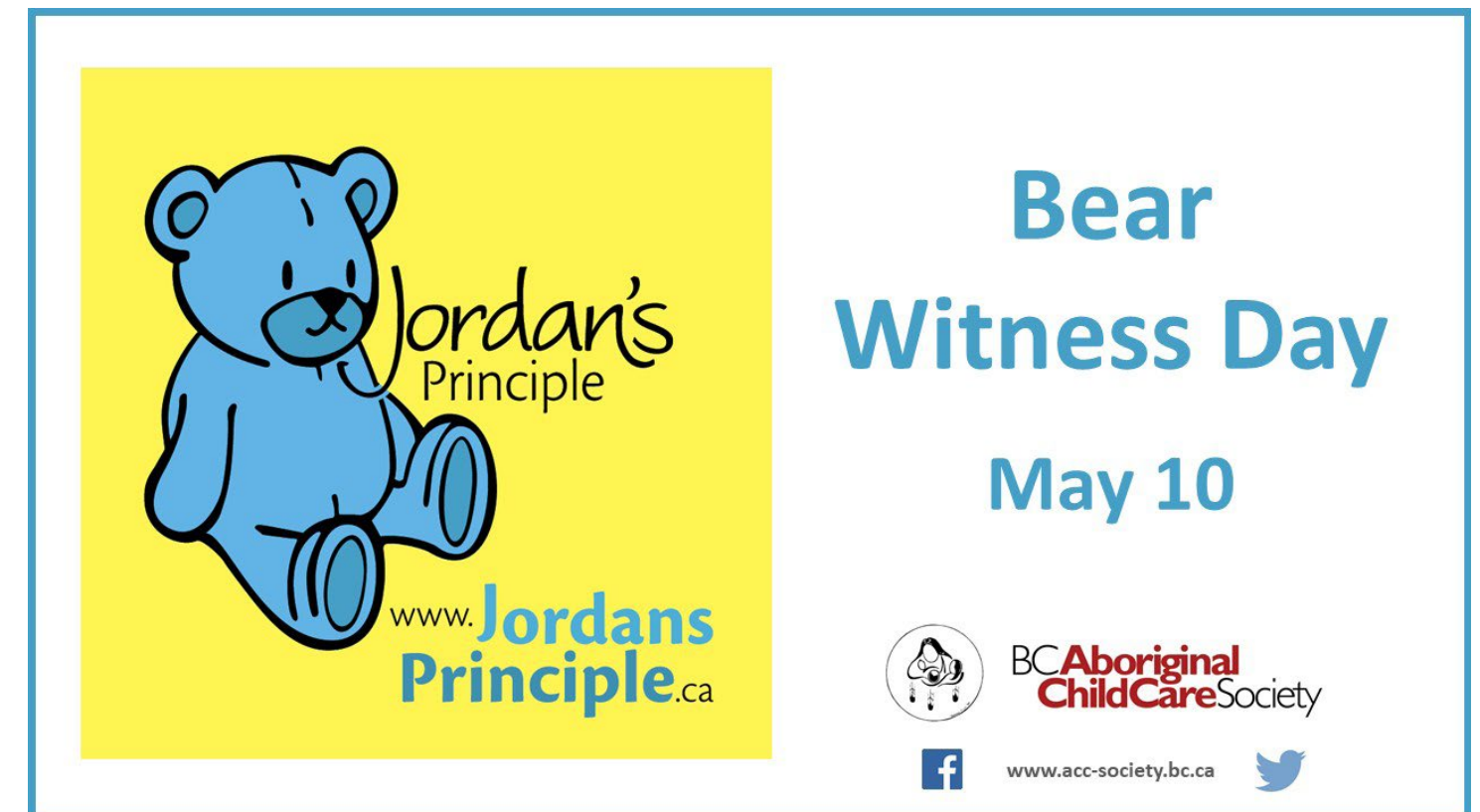
Learn about the importance of Jordan's Principle by reading Spirit Bear's Guide to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

Learn more about Spirit Bear and Jordan's Principle by reading Spirit Bear and Children Make History. You can download a free version now!

Watch the documentary Jordan River Anderson, The Messenger to learn more about Jordan River Anderson and Jordan's Principle. Available to watch for free through the National Film Board!

Spread the word and post photos on social media using the hashtags #JordansPrinciple and #BearWitnessDay.

<https://fncaresociety.com/BearWitness>



## National Indigenous Languages Day

March 31 is National Indigenous Languages Day and an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada to recognize and celebrate the very rich and diverse heritage of Indigenous languages.

Indigenous languages embody Indigenous cultures and histories. Languages are deeply personal and they connect individuals, families and communities across generations, distances and differences. They are integral to Indigenous cultures, self-identity and well-being. Languages carry stories, the memory of those who came before us, and the promise that we hold for those who come after us. They convey wisdom and traditions from Elders to children, from one generation to the next.

How will you celebrate this important day?

## NEW BCACCS COVID-19 Resources Available

BCACCS has created a variety of resources related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more resources are available online. Visit the website to find out more.

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



## Evaluation of the ECL R&R Strategy in BC: Final Evaluation Report 2020

The Evaluation of the Early Care and Learning Recruitment and Retention Strategy in British Columbia: Final Evaluation Report 2020 is now available. Read the full report.

[https://www.ecebc.ca/application/files/3116/2326/4444/Evaluation\\_Report\\_2020\\_Deliverable\\_15\\_04Jun2021.pdf](https://www.ecebc.ca/application/files/3116/2326/4444/Evaluation_Report_2020_Deliverable_15_04Jun2021.pdf)

## First Nations Pedagogies Network Website Launch

The First Nations Pedagogies Network (FNPN) is dedicated to cultural continuance and revitalization in early childhood education with First Nations children, families, cultures and communities on Indigenous terms. They have just launched their new website. Visit <https://fnpn.ca/> to find out more.

Hosted by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) and building on an opportunity to work within the Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (ECPN)—as its inaugural Indigenous Stream—the FNPN is a unique program of support, creation and sharing of distinctly First Nations ways of supporting children, families, cultures and communities.

From First Nations' strengths in early learning and child care (ELCC), the FNPN is helping to develop new ways to support and share resurgent and emerging practices while broadening conceptions of quality in Indigenous ELCC on First Nations terms.

Following the First Nations ELCC Framework, and in close partnership with the ECPN, the FNPN supports and brings together the work of First Nations equivalents of Pedagogists in the ECPN to work with each other, Indigenous Elders, First Nations early childhood education programs (those existing and those being created) and First Nations communities to realize, affirm, extend and secure distinctly First Nations promise and practice in ELCC.

## BCACCS Workshops

### Yoga and Mindfulness for self care with Klara

Date: May 8, 2021

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: Online

Cost: Free

May 3-9, 2021 is CMHA Mental Health Week. This year has been a difficult one for many people. To acknowledge the importance of mental health and wellness BCACCS is offering a workshop to support self-care.

This is a one hour yoga class focusing on caring for your body mind and spirit. It will include, gentle restorative yoga postures and guided meditation.

Participants will be able to earn 1 hour professional development credits for attending this workshop.

### Community of Practice: Supporting Staff and Families to Follow COVID Public Health Policy

Date: May 12, 2021

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Location: Online

Cost: Free

The BCACCS Advisors are restarting the monthly community of practice (CoP) Aboriginal Child Care Resource and Referral (AC-CRR) meetings to support all Indigenous early learning and child care (IELCC) programs throughout the province. Together, we will consider various topics, respond to questions and share ideas, tips and concerns. Participants are invited to bring their

questions and be ready to support each other with ideas and solutions related to the topic.

The topic this month is supporting staff and families to follow COVID-19 Public Health Policy. As COVID-19 public health policies restrict our movement and continue to limit social activities it can be challenging for staff and families to function within the provincial health recommendations. Join this community of practice to learn what others are doing to support families and staff.

Participants will be able to earn 1.5 hour professional development credit(s) for attending this workshop.



### Making a Beaded Feather with Nicholas Louie (Qi7men)

Date: May 20, 2021

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: Online

Cost: Free

Spend an evening with Nicholas learning about the tradition of making a beaded feather.

A list of supplies will be forwarded upon registration.

Participants will be able to earn 2 hour professional development credit(s) for attending this workshop.



### Making the Most of Moe®

Date: May 29, 2021

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: 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.

Participants will be able to earn 5 hour professional development credit(s) for attending this workshop.

To register for any of the listed workshops visit <https://register.acc-society.bc.ca/code/>

*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 (CCCF). BCACCS membership also means membership with the CCCF, including automatic subscription to the CCCF *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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Normally we would list all the upcoming events here. Since the COVID-19 pandemic has struck we are removing the listings temporarily.

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