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CCRR News

### New CCRR Training Opportunities!

#### **Challenging Behaviour for School-Age Child Care Providers**

Thursday, September 25, 10:00 am — noon, Coquitlam location

The Challenging Behaviour workshop will begin with a discussion to identify some challenging behaviours and potential causes. The workshop participants will be given resources to assist them in developing positive practices for the childcare centre's daily program planning. Specific strategies will be introduced to assist the childcare staff to understand why behaviour challenges may be occurring and what can be done to support the child within the centre. Some specific tools will be introduced as well (observation techniques like ABC Data tracking, problem solving and behaviour charts and visual supports).

#### **Guiding Children's Behaviour in Mandarin**

Saturday, October 18, 12:00 pm — 2:00 pm, Burnaby location

This course offers recommended practices for guiding young children through their growth and development. The guidelines will give you tools to help children become self-disciplined as they learn appropriate and acceptable behavior patterns. The guidance will assist parents and those working with children and will also act as a reminder for experienced and trained personnel.

#### **Health & Safety in School-Age Care**

Thursday, October 30, 10:00 am — 1:00 pm, Coquitlam office

Child care programs have a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for both children and staff. In this three-hour workshop participants will explore the many health, safety and hygiene requirements that are determined by provincial and local health regulations. Topics covered will include communication with parents, documentation, prevention, and policies and procedures.

#### **The How's and Why's of Hiring, Supervision and Resolving Staff Issues**

Thursday, November 6, 10:00 am—noon, Coquitlam office

This 2 hour workshop content is as follows: Hiring – interviewing and process; Supervision – observing and feedback, teambuilding; Staff Issues – sources of conflict, conflict resolution.

**To register for any CCRR training opportunities contact the CCRR at 604-931-3400, extension 0.**

#### **Additional Training Opportunities in the Community:**

***Are you a registered LNR or Licensed Family Child Care provider? Did you take your Introduction to Family Child Care course in a language other than English? Do you want to speak better English? Do you want to feel more confident running your family child care business?***

Vancouver CCRR is offering a NEW course to help Family Child Care providers improve their English vocabulary, grammar and speaking skills. 8 weeks - Tuesday and Thursday evenings, October 14 – December 4 (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) at Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre. Cost: \$150 (tax deductible as a business expense). For information call Maria at 604-709-5661 Ext 249 to register for the Information Session on Tuesday September 23 (7:00-8:00 pm).

**Westcoast CCRR** is offering a new 20 hour course this fall for those wishing to qualify as a "Responsible Adult in Child Care Settings". 8 sessions, Thursdays, October 16 — December 4. 6:45 pm — 9:15. Fee: \$160.00. This course will cover: child development from 0—12; child guidance; health & safety; nutrition; basic programming. Please call Westcoast at 604-709-5661 to reserve your seat at the information session on Thursday September 25 (7:00—8:00 pm).

#### **BC Council for Families Training Opportunities**

CONNECT is offering a series of professional development workshops for family-serving professionals. These

half-day workshops, held at SFU Harbour Centre, will expand your knowledge, sharpen your professional skills, and keep you current and informed. You'll enjoy practical, interactive content delivered by outstanding presenters, a full nutritious breakfast, and networking and idea-sharing with professionals from across the Lower Mainland.

Physical Punishments: Risks & Challenges October 9  
The Science of Happiness: Enhancing Well-Being November 12  
More than a Questionnaire: Meaningful Evaluation Techniques, January 23  
Don't Take it for Granted: An Introduction to Grant Writing, February 24

Visit BCCF website for registration information <http://www.bccf.bc.ca/hm/inside.php?sid=91>

### **Forging Futures Conference**

Education, Housing, Support  
October 24 - 25, 2008

Each year the BC Council for Families gathers together professionals who work with young parents to strengthen each other and learn about developments in the community and new issues on the horizon. In 2008, the [Forging Futures](#) conference will do just that, with over two days of networking, discussion and presentations, including keynote addresses from Karen Isaac of the BC Aboriginal Child Care Association and Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond, BC's Representative for Children and Youth. **Download a registration package now:** [http://bccf.bc.ca/img/content\\_images/File/YPP\\_program\\_2008\\_final.pdf](http://bccf.bc.ca/img/content_images/File/YPP_program_2008_final.pdf)

Early Childhood Educators of BC, East Kootenay Branch presents

### **Kootenay Conference 2008**

October 17 & 18th, Heritage Inn, Cranbrook, BC

For conferences details contact Beth at 426-4043 or by email at [ekscdp@shawlink.ca](mailto:ekscdp@shawlink.ca)

Western Canada Family Child Care Association of BC presents

### **Hand in Hand Conference 2008**

October 3—October 5th, Richmond

Download a conference package now: [http://www.wcfcca.ca/pdfs/Conference\\_Package.pdf](http://www.wcfcca.ca/pdfs/Conference_Package.pdf)

BC's Representative for Children and Youth Presents

### **Champions for Children and Youth Conference—The 2008 BC Summit**

Monday, October 20th & Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver

For details visit [www.rcybc.ca](http://www.rcybc.ca)

Teaching a community to fish: Effective and Innovative Prevention Strategies that help children, families and communities thrive.

### **“Community Empowerment Through Knowledge” Conference**

October 2,3, 2008, Squamish, BC

Communities That Care, is marking its 10th year in service to child and family health. “Prevention”—a core premise in their work, views individual and social empowerment as attained through knowledge. The conference is an opportunity for all organizations and individuals working to address long term community concerns through prevention to come together in the spirit of learning, connecting and sharing. For more information please go to the link at: [http://www3.telus.net/public/a1a50054/Thrive%202008%20Web%20Page.htm#\\_top](http://www3.telus.net/public/a1a50054/Thrive%202008%20Web%20Page.htm#_top).

Learning Disabilities Association of Vancouver presents

### **“Speaking of the Kids” 2008 Conference, Friday, October 24, 2008**

Featuring special guest Danny Glover

The Learning Disabilities Association - Vancouver invites you to join us at the 'Speaking of Kids' Conference 2008 to be held in Vancouver BC on **Friday October 24, 2008**. The fee is only **\$45 per person**. Please visit the LDAV website at <http://www.ldav.ca/conference.html> for details.

## **Community News**

### **Greater Coquitlam Family Daycare Society**

Family child care providers are invited to attend a meeting of the Greater Coquitlam Family Daycare Society on September 25, 2008 at the following address:

All Saints Parish Church Queen of All Saints School  
1405 Como Lake Avenue, Coquitlam, BC (meeting is held in the portable)  
September 25, 2008, 7:00 p.m – 8:30 pm

**Further meetings will be held at the same address, same time, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month.**

*Attention New Westminster Residents!*  
**Liveable Cities Need Children & Families!**  
Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Queensborough Community Centre, Port Royal Room


How can Councillors and School Trustees ensure the best for our community? Come hear your future decision makers share their strategies for our evolving community as Liveable Cities Need Children & Families (LCnCF) hosts this year's City Council and School Board Trustee candidates, at an All-Candidates Meeting focused on the types of issues all city dwelling families face including: Quality and affordable childcare accessibility; Safe and engaging community neighbourhoods; Excellent school programs, multi-use of school space, and site planning; Health and wellness; Family services for all ages; Access to spaces (parks/playgrounds) and recreational facilities. For further information contact Jonina Campbell at LCnFC@hotmail.com

Call for Nominations  
**Sharing the Flame: Recognizing Excellence in Learning**  
Deadline: October 15, 2008

The Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) is seeking nominations for its second annual recognition program, Sharing the Flame: Recognizing Excellence in Learning. Sharing the Flame highlights some of Canada's most promising practices in learning—giving these initiatives the visibility they deserve, and helping others to learn from their success. CCL will recognize initiatives in the following learning themes: aboriginal learning; adult learning; early childhood learning; health-related learning; and work and learning.

Selected programs will be recognized on the Canadian Council on Learning website ([www.ccl-cca.ca](http://www.ccl-cca.ca)) and have their projects featured in an electronic "ideas book," to be distributed to stakeholders and interested parties across Canada in late 2008. CCL welcomes entries from individuals and organizations with active projects related to any of the five learning themes (as above). Please complete and submit the Sharing the Flame Call for Nominations form by Wednesday, October 15, 2008. For more information, please visit [www.ccl-cca.ca](http://www.ccl-cca.ca) or email [sharingtheflame@ccl-cca.ca](mailto:sharingtheflame@ccl-cca.ca).

### **Early Learning Agency Consultation**

This [consultation paper](#)  [PDF - 48KB] was available for public response from June 23 until August 15, 2008. The response period for the consultation paper has now ended and more than 2600 responses were submitted to the Agency. Please check in the fall for additional information about the work of the Early Childhood Learning Agency. <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/ecla/>

**To view submissions to the Ministry of Education Consultation please visit:** <http://www.cccabc.bc.ca/new/files/2008/0729.html>

## **Government News**

### **Child Care Capital Funding Information**

Please note the intake dates for the Child Care Capital Funding – Minor Capital Funding for Emergency Repair, Replacement and Relocation Program have changed. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis from April 1<sup>st</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup> every fiscal year. Applications received after February 28<sup>th</sup> will be considered for funding in the next fiscal year beginning April 1.

The application forms for the Child Care Programs and Services Capital Funding Program - *Major Capital Funding for Creation of New Family Child Care Spaces* and the *Minor Capital funding for Emergency Repair, Replacement and Relocation* have been updated. Applicants are now able to either complete these forms online and print or they can be printed first and then completed by hand. These forms can be viewed at: <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/capital.htm>. If you have any questions you may call the Child Care Programs and Services Helpline at 1-888-338-6622.

### **Neighbourhoods of Learning** Pilot Project

The government has announced that 3 schools will be participating in the Neighbourhoods of Learning pilot project. **Neighbourhoods of Learning** schools can be used for educational or community services, such as early learning or child-care programs, office or meeting rooms for non-profit organizations, health clinics, sports programs, family resource or seniors' centres, industry training, or branch libraries. To read the press release visit [http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news\\_releases\\_2005-2009/2008OTP0216-001326.htm](http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2005-2009/2008OTP0216-001326.htm).

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