

YMCA CCRR Newsletter

June 2022

Happy June, and welcome to the new format of our monthly newsletters! Within these next few pages you'll find information about our program updates, child care news, library updates, articles of interest, and information about programs and events for families. We hope you enjoy this changed format and find its content easier to navigate and explore!

YMCA CCRR Program Updates



May was a busy month for our CCRR Program! In honour of BC's annual [Child Care Appreciation Month](#) we held Child Care Appreciation events for our providers in Burnaby, New Westminster and the Tri-Cities. It was a very special time of year for us to thank all of you for the hard work you do in helping raise happy and healthy kids. Here's to celebrating you!

If you haven't yet seen it, our [Summer 2022 Training Schedule](#) is live! Our training schedule now has an exciting fresh new look, and it continues to be chalk full of fantastic professional development and learning opportunities for child care providers and families alike. Interested in registering? Head on over to myymca.ca!

Attention, ECE students! Are you living in our child care provider areas of the Burnaby, New Westminster, Tri-Cities, Anmore and/or Belcarra communities? If so, you can now borrow from our Early Learning Lending Library regardless of where your ECE program is located! Please see our updated [Toy and Resource Library User Guide](#) to find out more information about this change.

If you haven't yet had a chance to visit our new CCRR Early Learning Library Portal, [go give it a peak](#)! Our portal is an excellent way for borrowers of our program to get the full scope of all the resources we have in both our library locations. Through our portal you'll additionally be able to filter through all of our resources by themes and keywords, view their pictures, and place holds on resources you're eager to borrow. If you need help accessing your portal account, give us a call. We're here to help!

Are you part of a child care program who isn't a CCRR member? Fixing that is now easier than ever with our online [YMCA CCRR Membership Form](#)! Membership with our program is free and grants access to a wide variety of services, such as our toy and resource lending library, enhanced child care referrals, professional development opportunities at reduced member rates, and access to e-updates and newsletters (like the very one you're reading!). So, if you're a child care provider in the areas of Burnaby, New Westminster, Tri-Cities, Anmore and Belcarra and are interested in joining our program, [check it out](#). If you're already a member of our program and need to update your program information on our end, please see our [CCRR Membership Update form](#).



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NEW! Our CCRR program is now able to track vacancies in your child care programs. By using the information submitted monthly to the [BC Child Care Map](#) during Child Care Operating Funding renewals, we'll now be advertising program vacancies to parents who reach out to our program for help with finding child care. If you additionally have open spaces in your program that you'd like us to advertise in our child care referrals, please let us know by emailing ccrr@gv.ymca.ca.

Last but not least, our annual [Fee Survey](#) has been updated. We hope you find it helpful!

Child Care News

The latest [ChildCareBC Bulletin](#) brings our attention to:

- Child Care Provider Appreciation Day
- Minister's statement on Child Care Provider Appreciation Day
- Supporting recruitment and retention
- Information session on Provincial Nominee Program
- Employee Training Grants
- New Spaces Fund opening soon!
- Help us better understand what is important to you.

BC Gov News – [B.C. reaches milestone in newly funded child care spaces](#): British Columbia has surpassed 30,500 new child care spaces funded since the launch of ChildCareBC in 2018, giving parents greater ability to pursue work, school and other opportunities while knowing their children are cared for.

Government of British Columbia (Facebook) – [Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in BC](#): Child care professionals care for children at the most important time of their lives. And we can't deliver child care without their specialized skills. That's why we're supporting early childhood educators through enhanced wages, bursaries and professional development opportunities – because investing in child care professionals is investing in children, families and communities. As we recognize Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in BC, we say thank you, today – and every day – to all of the child care professionals throughout BC.

Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (ECPN) – [Whiling time with ECPN Pedagogists \(Issue #3: Drawing as a Gathering Space for Collective Engagement\)](#): This edition features, “on-going documentation traces [that] are intended to offer glimpses of the collaborative inquiries with educators and centres [the pedagogist] are working with”.

Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (ECPN) – [The Here and Now ECPN Newsletter \(Issue #5\)](#): “This edition of the Here & Now focuses on ECEBC's new position paper, [The Role of the Early Childhood Educator in British Columbia](#). Here & Now conversations are guided by a commitment to reimagine early childhoods in urgent times and this is precisely what ECEBC is calling on professionals in the field to do. By reimagining who early childhood educators might become in our province, this position paper takes a clear stand for early childhood education as an ethical and transformative pedagogical project.”

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Early Learning Library Corner

A well-arranged early learning environment enhances children's learning and interaction with others. A variety of materials to aid these environments are already available to us outdoors — rocks, sticks, pinecones, shells, and more. Such loose parts, recycled, and natural materials provide invitations to different kinds of engagement for children. In these engagements, there lies open-ended learning opportunities that help them make their own choices and decisions. This gives children freedom and enhances their language development as they put their creations into their own words.



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Children have natural curiosity to explore what is around them. It is important for us as educators and adults to provide them with opportunities to enhance their learning. Experiences with nature can open up many possibilities for children to acknowledge and value of the world around them. Summer is just around the corner and spending time outside has many benefits for children. Bringing nature inside to our early learning programs is also a great way to scaffold play!

Our libraries have ample natural materials and loose parts to borrow. Come visit us at one of our locations and see our early learning library displays for ideas about how you can incorporate those materials to help enrich your program!



“Children and adults have relationships with materials. Different materials (such as toys, objects, art supplies) that children encounter invite different kinds of participation and engagement. Some materials open many different possibilities for experimentation and lively interaction.”

(Early Learning Framework, pg. 23)



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Articles of Interest

The Walrus – [Child Care Revolution: What Canada Can Learn from Germany:](#)

“What happens when child care becomes a right, like health care in Canada, and what can we learn from countries who have done this before us? With \$10-a-day child care on the horizon, there’s a lot to learn from a country similar to ours.”

Early Childhood Education Report – [Canada's Children Need a Professional Early Childhood Education Workforce:](#)

“This report.... provides a status report on today’s child care workforce and the challenges it faces, along with promising practices. It concludes with a series of recommendations. The intent is to draw attention to the centrality of educators in creating Canada’s newest social program and the policies and resources they require to make it a success.”



The Globe and Mail – [All of Canada is signed on to \\$10-a-day child care. When will parents see costs go down?:](#)

“The federal government’s \$30-billion universal child-care plan is expected to create 146,000 new child-care spots nationwide by 2026, according to estimates by the Canadian Child Care Federation. That means tens of thousands of new jobs for child-care workers. But at the same time, early-childhood educators have been leaving the industry in droves across the country. Low wages and long hours are driving factors, but so is the emotional toll of working in institutional child care. In some provinces, parents face waiting lists that are more than two years long, which has many families wondering whether they will be able to access subsidized care while their kids are young enough to be eligible for it. Given these challenges, when can Canadians expect to see \$10-a-day child-care?”

*Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play, children learn how to learn.
O. Fred Donaldson, Author*

Family Resources



Are you looking for drop-in programs to attend during the day with children that are aged 0-5? If so, we’ve got you covered with up to date program lists that span our provider communities!

- [Burnaby Drop-In Programs](#)
- [New West Drop-in Programs](#)
- [Tri-Cities Drop-In Programs](#)

Did you know that our YMCA CCRR has a family resource program? [Circle of Friends](#) provides children with the opportunities to socialize, learn new skills, explore art activities, sing songs, enjoy stories, and more! Resources are additionally made available to learn more about child development, parenting issues and the supports available to you in your community. Join us!

Are you in need of ideas to peruse for summer camps in the months ahead? If so, our annual [Summer Camps for Children in Burnaby, New Westminster & Tri-Cities](#) has been updated for 2022.

We hope it helps!



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Events

Burnaby

- [Scandinavian Midsummer Festival 2022](#): On Saturday June 25 & Sunday June 26 there will be a number of activities going on that you can enjoy during the Midsummer Festival -- Viking Village, Cultural Displays, Shopping Kiosks, Dancing, Music, Midsummer Poles, Traditional Scandinavian Foods, and children's activities.
- [Hats Off Day](#): Get your hats ready because Hats Off Day is back this Saturday, June 18, 2022. Hats Off Day is a community-driven event featuring the best that the Burnaby Heights had to offer. It features a colourful main-street style parade, followed by an amazing street party.

New Westminster

- [River Basin Days](#): This is a monthly series of outdoor public programs geared towards families. Join us at different locations around the Fraser River Basin as we explore this incredible watershed! Our staff will guide you through 1-hour of activities, experiments, and art projects as we learn about the biodiversity of this great river. This month's event will take place on Saturday, June 18th, at Glenbrook Ravine Park.
- [Queenborough Children's Festival](#): Saturday, June 11th, at the Queenborough Community Centre. Bring a picnic blanket and join us for a fun-filled afternoon ALL FOR THE KIDS!



Tri-Cities

- [Teddy Bear Picnic](#): Children from all over Metro Vancouver attend the Teddy Bear Picnic in Coquitlam each year. At the event there are fun activities, music and a parade. It'll take place this year on Sunday, June 12th. Free admission!
- [Fish for Free Father's Day Weekend](#): Mark your calendars for the 20th annual B.C. Family Fishing Weekend, June 17 – 19, 2022. Held on the third weekend of June every year to coincide with Father's Day, Family Fishing Weekend lets individuals and families try fishing without having to purchase a licence. Happening in our provider areas of Port Moody and Coquitlam.

Additional events for the lower mainland can be found at: [Vancouver Mom](#) & [FamilyFunVancouver](#).

The YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral is here to help!

- Child Care and Community Referrals
- Affordable Child Care Benefit information and support with the application process
- Information on becoming a Licensed or Registered Child Care Provider
- Available start-up funding for Child Care Providers
- Curbside pick-up and drop-off of Early Learning Resources

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