

YMCA CCRR Newsletter

November 2022

Happy November! Within these next few pages, you'll find information about our program updates, child care news, articles of interest, and information about programs and events for families. We hope you find this information helpful to your early learning practices!

YMCA CCRR PROGRAM UPDATES



The YMCA CCRR team came together on Friday, October 21st, for a day of professional development and learning. Our training delved deeply into helping us be better at time management as a team, and how to better understand each other's social styles to help maximize our potential as a team. It was a fantastic day of learning and laughter, and we are eager to put our learning into practice to help better serve **YOU!**

In need of workshops? Networking opportunities? Learning experiences to help expand the potential of your early learning capacities? If so, our [Fall Training Schedule](#) still has lots of spaces left! We offer a variety of training that is both online and in-person, and we have start times ranging from evenings to Saturday mornings. Be it that you're an early childhood educator, student or parent, we are here to help meet your professional (and personal!) early learning training needs. Head on over to register at myymca.ca to register and join us!

Weather wise it took fall awhile to arrive this year, but now that it's finally here, be ready in your early learning environments with our [Fall Seasonal Resource Sheet](#)! If you need ideas about activities to try and resources you can borrow from our program to help supplement your curricula, we've got you covered. Thinking ahead in your program planning? We've got our 2023 [Winter Seasonal Resource Sheet](#) ready for you, too!

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, our [YMCA CCRR Membership Form](#) is where you'll let us know about those changes, too!

Interested in providing child care in your home? If so, becoming a [Registered License Not Required \(RLNR\)](#) child care provider could be a great fit for you. As an RLNR, your child care program would be able to be referred to families when they call us looking for child care, families that use your services would have access to increased affordable child care benefit rates, and you would additionally have access to all the benefits that our members do (see previous paragraph for further details). Interested? Contact us to set up an information session!

If you haven't yet had a chance to visit the [YMCA CCRR Early Learning Library Portal](#)? 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 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!

Attention, users of our printing and laminating services: the cost of these services will see a slight increase at the YMCA CCRR starting in the new year. Raising these prices will help us better offset the costs we're incurring to our program, and we appreciate your understanding in these matters. The new prices will be as follows:

- Laminating (per foot): Member Cost \$2.50, Non-member Cost \$3.50
- Printing: Member Cost \$.15, Non-member Cost \$.25
- Double Sided Printing: Member Cost \$.25, Non-member Cost \$.45

CHILD CARE NEWS

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

- Fee reductions: provider information sessions
- Fee reduction estimator
- CCFRI Funding Guidelines 2022-23
- Deadline approaching for Enrolment Reports and Monthly ECE Reports for April
- Early Childhood Education Centre opens in Kamloops

ChildCareBC - Provider Information Session: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative December 2022: An additional information session was held in October for providers. Please see the following links for further information.

- [Provider Information Session Recording](#)
- [Provider Information Session PowerPoint](#)

ChildCareBC - [Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative Estimator](#): The ministry has developed a new online CCFRI Estimator to help estimate new child care fees that will start in December 2022. Please note this estimation is not a guarantee of payment as this estimator does not take into account individual circumstances and should be used as a guide only.

ChildCareBC - [Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative \(CCFRI\): Funding Guidelines 2022/23](#): Through [British Columbia's Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement](#) with the Government of Canada, additional enhancements will take effect December 1, 2022. See the updated document for further information.

ChildCareBC - [Affordable Child Care Benefit Service Provider Portal](#): New! Licensed and Registered Licence-Not-Required providers are invited to register for the My Family Services - Service Provider portal. Registered providers are now able to complete online Child Care Arrangement forms submitted by parents.

BC Gov News - [Early childhood education program enrolment rises in B.C.](#): More people are choosing to pursue studies in early childhood education, which is good news for families, communities, children and B.C.'s economy.

ECEBC - [BC Child Care Workforce Survey](#): If you work in or previously worked in Licensed or License Not Required child care and/or Early Care and Learning in BC, we encourage you to respond to the 2022 BC Child Care Workforce Survey. Now in its fourth year, this survey measures changes over time and provides a comprehensive overview of the state of the ECL sector, including regional information. Please fill it out no later than November 14th.

ECPN - [Conversation Series V Part III](#): Join ECPN pedagogist Teresa Smith with ECPN Director Veronica Pacini-Ketchabaw as they share the pedagogical processes involved in narrating children's dialogues with a 50 -year -old maple tree over four seasons. This conversation will highlight an ongoing inquiry with children who are trying to live well together in unceded Secwepemcúl'ecw. The educators and pedagogist are taking seriously the understanding that children's relations with more -than -human others are deeply meaningful, never innocent, and requiring of thoughtful pedagogical responses.

ECPN - [ISSUE # 5 - Whiling Time with ECPN Pedagogists](#): "We offer vignettes from our collaborative work and invitations to readers to "while with" thoughts and questions that emerge through our ongoing inquiry projects. In this fifth issue, we are pleased to introduce Emma Jensen, who is joining Mary Kim as an ECPN pedagogist in this community".

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Early Learning Library Corner

Are you curious about the resources available in our Early Learning Library? Below are just the few of many we have available for you to borrow and use in your early learning practices!



19452 Sensory Shape Sorting (new resource!)

Check out these flexible silicone materials - stacking arches, minimalist baby nesting, and shapes. These fascinating textured surfaces provide unique and soothing sensory stimulation. The hard wooden surface additionally provides tactile exploration for a calming and massaging sensory experience.



21607 Peekaboo Farm Animals (new resource!)

Peekaboo, I see you! This simple, classic game builds so much into young children's brains each time you play. The visual stimulation creates new brain cell connections and children learn socially about taking turns, eye contact, and give-and-take. Peekaboo develops the ideas of object permanence and that something out of sight is still there. Additionally, the two piece barns help build fine motor skills.



31788 Acorn Soup

Children love pretend play! Do you notice how young children always pretend to be someone or something else? This fun, interactive game is good for children to help identify the ingredients and count as they cook. Mix, stir, eat and play together while developing a child's counting, sorting, fine-motor skills.

Our [Early Learning Resource Library webpage](#) hosts helpful many resources, such as the YMCA CCRR online library portal, digital lending library agreement form, and photo catalogue of resources. [Go see!](#)

ARTICLES OF INTEREST



Capital Current - [\\$10-a-day childcare plan threatened by worker shortage across Canada](#): StatsCan reports that Canada's childcare workforce shrank by 21 per cent during the pandemic. According to Jim Stanford of the Centre for Future Work, that shortfall and the anticipated expansion of demand under \$10-a-day childcare means an additional 200,000 childcare workers will be needed over the next decade, almost double the current number.

Canada.ca - [Government of Canada invests \\$3.1 million to study impacts of COVID-19 on children in Canada](#): Since the start of the pandemic, the Government of Canada put in place crucial science-based measures to protect the health and safety of all, including children. Despite the important protection that these protocols have offered, we know that COVID-19 and measures such as physical distancing and mask wearing have transformed children's day-to-day lives.

Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood - [Stop 'under-mind-ing' early childhood educators: Honouring subjectivity in pre-service education to build intellectual and relational capacities](#): The stubborn dominance of objectivity in child observation in pre-service early childhood education warrants letting go of as we confront its limitations as outdated, problematic, Eurocentric, neo-liberal and even racist. In the context of recent aims to establish 'critically reflective' practices, such as 'pedagogical documentation' and 'collaborative inquiry' as the 'new way' to 'do' early childhood curriculum planning in Ontario, Canada, the authors are concerned that the hard work of naming and creating conditions to 'think together' with concepts of subjectivity has been missed and misunderstood.

"Stand aside for a while and leave room for learning, observe carefully what children do, and then, if you have understood well, perhaps teaching will be different from before."

— Loris Malaguzzi

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 Westminister 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! Free Wednesday evenings and looking for something to keep your little ones busy? Join CoF on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30PM for our drop-in program – a light dinner will additionally be provided.

EVENTS

Burnaby

Skate to Remember Toonie Skate - Join us on November 11th for family-friendly activities and ice skating. Admission is \$2 per person and free for children 3 years and under. Skates and a helmet are included in the admission fee.

River Basin Days - Join us on November 12th at Central Park for this month's River Basin Day! River Basin Days are a 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.

New Westminster

Ecole Herbert Spencer Christmas Craft Fair 2022: This annual craft fair is the perfect kick off to the festive holiday season! On November 19th come and shop from many local artisans, vendors, and student crafters and find unique and delightful gifts for family and friends. If shopping makes you hungry stop in to the bistro for a light lunch and yummy baked goods. There will be a photo backdrop where you can take your own photos for your Christmas greetings, roving carollers, and a raffle draw for many awesome prizes!

Disobedients Elves Handmade Xmas Fair Market: We are very excited to announce our second handmade Xmas fair market. We will be 12+ local alternatives artists, ready with all the Xmas gifts possible. Join us on November 26th!



Tri-Cities

Christmas in Leigh Square - Join us November 25th and 26th for holiday festivities from the Winter Artisan Market, the lighting of Leigh Square, and the food trucks and entertainment!

Lights at Lafarge: Mark your calendar! This year's Lights at Lafarge Kick-off event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 5 – 8 p.m. at Town Centre Park, featuring food vendors, arts activities, live entertainment and a grand finale performance. Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for more details.

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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