

YMCA CCRR Newsletter

July 2023

Welcome to our July newsletter! 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

If you're in need of training or workshops, our [Summer 2023 Training Schedule](#) has ample opportunities! We've got fantastic, low-cost professional development and learning opportunities for both childcare providers and families alike. Need online or in-person? Evenings or Saturday mornings? We've got both! **Special to this summer, a light meal will additionally be included and served prior to our in-person workshops.** Head on over to myymca.ca and register today!

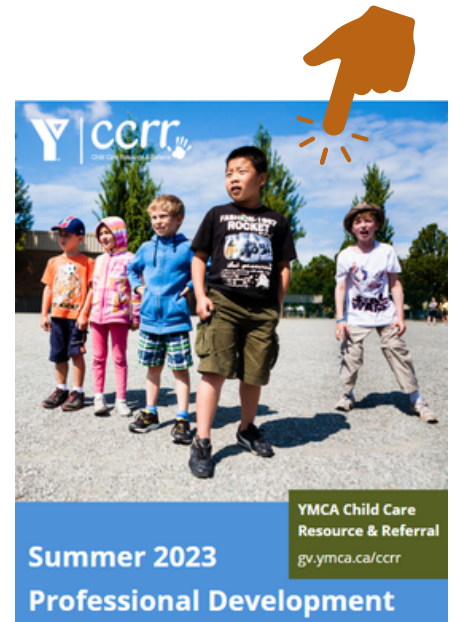
NEW! Are you a user of our [YMCA CCRR Learning Portal](#)? If so, we'd like to let you know that all our self-paced online workshops will soon be migrating to a new platform, [YMCA Ignite](#). To help ease the transition on your end, we highly suggest you take a few quick minutes to [create an account](#) on YMCA Ignite so you'll have easy access to these workshops in the future when you need them. Please additionally ensure all your [completed workshop certificates](#) have been received/downloaded from our YMCA CCRR Learning Portal prior to its migration to YMCA Ignite.

Our summer will be a busy one here at the YMCA CCRR. At selected outdoor parks in the communities of Burnaby, Coquitlam, and New Westminster we'll be offering free programming for children aged 0-6. Join us for stories, activities, circle time, and more! For further details, please see the following poster for your local community: [Burnaby](#) | [Coquitlam](#) | [New Westminster](#).

Summer program planning got you in a bind? If so, our [Summer Seasonal Resource sheet](#) is now out! Give it a read for provocations, books, activities, and songs to help harness in your program planning for the months ahead!

Did you know that YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral now hosts a Family Drop-in Program at the brand-new Bettie Allard YMCA? This is a regularly scheduled family drop-in, and families are invited to join us for mornings of play and learning experiences in a warm and welcoming environment. To learn more about the hours and location of the drop-in program, please visit [here](#). We hope you join us!

ECE students, did you know that if you are living in our child care provider areas of the Burnaby, New Westminster, Tri-Cities, Anmore and/or Belcarra you can now borrow from our Early Learning Lending Library regardless of where your ECE program is located? See our updated [Toy and Resource Library User Guide](#) to find out more. Interested in borrowing from our program and don't yet have a lending library agreement? You can fix that by visiting our digital lending library agreement [here](#)!



CHILD CARE NEWS

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

- PRIDE 2023 Special Resource Bulletin
- Two-Spirit resources
- Inclusion resources for child care providers and early childhood professionals
- 2SLGBTQIA+ resources for families and individuals
- Action Plans

Fraser Health Licensing's Summer Update: *"Children are little explorers and it is through their sense of wonder and curiosity that they learn and discover the world around them. However, as we plan for a summer filled with new learning experiences we must also take the time to plan on how we can keep children safe and free from harm."*

Issue #9 of the Here and Now: ECPN reflects on Elder Pointe's words during the Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia (ECEBCs) conference in May. The ECPN takes seriously pedagogists' and educators' roles in creating spaces where children can flourish and a curriculum is fostered that can respond to the worlds that children inhabit. This issue also recognizes Pride Month and emphasizes the need for early childhood centers to celebrate diversity in sexuality and gender identity, thereby challenging heteronormative discourses. June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day, and the ECPN celebrates the work of our sister Network, The First Nations Pedagogies Network (FNPN) and the work of The Métis Nation of BC.

ISSUE # 7 – Whiling Time with ECPN Pedagogists: *"In this seventh instalment of Whiling Time with ECPN Pedagogists, I want to think about the power of oral storytelling in educators' everyday practice with children. When I work as a pedagogist, my commitment is to support educators in noticing multiple stories in children's daily lives in the centre. To do this, we must slow down and think about creating the conditions to "live well together in ways that are respectful, local, and meaningful" (BC Early Learning Framework, p. 12)."*

GovernmentofBC's YouTube - [ChildCareBC Minister's Town Hall](#): On May 30th, the inaugural ChildCareBC Minister's Town Hall invited the child care community to have their questions about the ChildCareBC plan answered directly by the Minister of State for Child Care, Grace Lore. This was the first session of its kind and will occur on a regular basis, as part of government's ongoing efforts to engage meaningfully with the child care sector.

BC Gov News - [Child care providers celebrated at 2023 ChildCareBC Awards of Excellence](#): Child care providers who provide outstanding care, connection and learning environments for B.C. children were recognized at the ChildCareBC Awards of Excellence ceremony held on Saturday, May 27, 2023. Congratulations to Connie Bourne, Karen LeSage and Little Badgers Early Learning Programs of Windermere!

GovernmentofBC's YouTube - [Town Hall Event with Premier David Eby](#): On May 25th, Premier David Eby answered questions at a town hall held at Camosun College in Victoria, and hosted by Grace Lore, Minister of State for Child Care. The town hall was an opportunity to discuss some of the most pressing challenges in British Columbia, including child care, cost of living, housing, and healthcare. Viewers can scroll to the 40:28 minute mark to listen to the question posed on child care.

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Visit us!

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!



15963 Seashore

33503 Sea Life Water Park

10824 Sea Sensory

Do you want to feel the sea? This resources has touching, squishing, push-pops, and watching bubbles drop. This is a great and relaxing activity for sensory play.

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

ARTICLES OF INTEREST



BC Emergency Health Services - Families urged to take window safety measures as temperatures rise: An open window is much more than a way to find relief on a hot day – it's also a serious safety hazard for young children unless parents and caregivers take precautions.

Vancouver Sun - B.C.'s child-care crisis: Fees are going down, but waiting lists are still too high: Government funding has reduced fees, a welcome relief for parents. But the quantity and quality of day cares in B.C. is still a big challenge, experts say.

BNN Bloomberg - Child care keeping women out of workforce despite COVID rebound: Report: Canadian women's employment has rebounded since the losses of the early COVID-19 pandemic, but workforce gaps between women and men persist and child care is a significant sticking point, according to a new report.

"[Kids] don't remember what you try to teach them.
They remember what you are."

— Jim Henson

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](#)



Our YMCA CCRR's [Circle of Friends family resource program](#) and [Bettie Allard family drop-in program](#) provide children with 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!

EVENTS

Burnaby

Summer Season at Burnaby Village Museum: Explore historical exhibits and live demonstrations all summer long. Take a ride on the restored 1912 C.W. Parker Carousel, enjoy a picnic lunch in the meadow, visit a replica Japanese Ofuro (bathhouse), built in 1977 to commemorate the arrival of Burnaby's first Japanese immigrant in 1877, or check out our exhibit: Truths Not Often Told: Being South Asian in Burnaby, which explores the diverse experience of Burnaby's South Asian Canadian Communities. Open Tuesday to Sunday, plus statutory holidays. Admission is free.

Sounds Like Summer: Bringing live music to public spaces throughout the city! As you enjoy the city's outdoor spaces and parks, watch for pop-up performances from local musicians.

New Westminster

TD Uptown Live Street Party: The day-long festival features live music on multiple stages plus Kids' Zone, exhibitors, food vendors and talented artisans who line the streets to create an amazing, high energy community celebration. Come and join the party!

Queen's Park Concert Series: Experience warm summer evenings in the park with commanding performances by local musicians. Each date features live musical performances in a stunning, retreat-like forest setting to create a relaxed environment to enjoy the company of your family and neighbours.



Tri-Cities

RIBFEST: An annual 3-day community event put on by the Rotary Club of Port Moody. It brings together food vendors, live music and family-friendly activities. The YMCA CCRR will be there on the 21st, join us!

Summer Craft Mornings - July: Summer is the best time to enjoy our train station and caboose. Join us for a fun morning tour of the Fraser Mills station & Caboose, story time, crafts & snacks. Attendees will also be entered into a draw to win a fun activity kit and/or story book. Parental attendance is required.

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

Contact us!