

YMCA CCRR Newsletter

August 2023

Welcome to our August 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

NEW! We've got a special event coming up and it's FREE to attend! This November 8th, 2023, from 4-7PM, we'll be offering an online webinar with Dr. Ross Greene. Come join us to learn about Collaborative and Proactive Solutions to Challenging Behaviour. Greene's methods of problem solving with children are innovative, evidence based, and trauma informed. All participants will receive a three-hour professional development certificate and we'd love to see you there. Head on over to myymca.ca and register to join us!



Guess what? As a special bonus for this summer quarter, a light meal will be served to attendees prior to our in-person workshops! So, if you need any workshops or training, go check out our Summer 2023 Training Schedule! 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! Head on over to myymca.ca and register today.

Attention, users of our YMCA CCRR Learning Portal! 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 has been a busy one here at the YMCA CCRR! At selected outdoor parks in the communities of Burnaby, Coquitlam, and New Westminster we've been offering free programming for children aged 0-6. Interested? Come join us for stories, activities, circle time, and more! To find out when and where, please see the following poster for your local community: Burnaby | Coquitlam | New Westminster.

It's hot out there these days! To help cool down, utilize our Summer Seasonal Resource to make program planning easier for you this season. Its provocations, books, activities, and songs are sure to be hit with the children in your care.

CHILD CARE NEWS

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

- Check out the new and enhanced ChildCareBC fee estimator
- Don't forget! Families need to renew their Affordable Child Care Benefit for September 2023 payment
- ChildCareBC Awards of Excellence spotlight: Amy Mueller
- Victoria's Cridge Centre for the Family celebrates 150 years

Government of Canada - [Families in Canada to benefit from innovative early learning and child care practices](#): The early learning and child care sector continues to evolve in increasingly complex and challenging environments. Identifying innovative practices and solutions that better address the essential needs of children, families, and early childhood educators (ECEs) is key to continuing to improve early learning and child care services across Canada.

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 Westminster 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!

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

ECEBC - [Media Release: New report recommends BC Early Childhood Educators earn at least \\$30 to \\$40/hour](#): The creation of new child care programs is not happening fast enough in BC, or across Canada. The major roadblock to expansion is the worsening Early Childhood Educator (ECE) staffing crisis. To address this issue, the BC government committed to develop and implement an ECE wage grid. With this commitment in mind, a scan of ECE wages and wage grids across Canada, including a detailed analysis of ECE wages in BC was carried out by the CCCABC and ECEBC.

Global News - [B.C. falling behind on wages for early childhood educators amidst staff shortage: Report](#): British Columbia is falling behind on wages for early childhood educators (ECEs) compared to other provinces as it expands its \$10-a-day child care program, a new report has found.

University of Alberta - [More understanding and support needed for family day home educators, says researcher](#): "While daycare centres have more staff to share the varied responsibilities, the job of a family day home educator is much more "multi-faceted," Woodman says. "We provide child care, program planning for children of mixed ages, menu planning; we're the chefs, the janitors, the administrators and the business owners." That bundle of challenges is at the heart of research the University of Alberta doctoral student is now doing to help raise awareness of what family day home professionals need so they can thrive. "As single operators they need to be better understood and supported in the child care system." While the field of early learning and child care is well researched, the experiences of day home educators are less represented, says Woodman.

Early Learning Library Corner

Playing with water during summer not only offers a refreshing escape from the heat but provides opportunities to promote physical activity, improve sensory development and a deeper understanding of water concepts.



11806 Waterplay

Through spinning wheels and pumps, incorporate concepts like buoyancy (sink / float), water cycle, and water displacement (volume). This can deepen a child's understanding of water concepts while having fun.

29501 Coral Connections

Liven up your water table with these marine organisms. Introduce coral reefs and the different sea creatures that inhabit them. Encourage children to investigate the relationship of corals and marine life. Spark discussions on environmental awareness and how these corals affect marine life.



20328 Travel Over the Sea

Imagine the journey on the water with different types of vehicles. Set up a pretend "ocean" with blue fabric. Encourage children to engage in role-playing activities where they can take on different roles like sailors, fishermen, or even ocean explorers.

00023 Woodland Fun

Water does not only affect marine life but also all living things on Earth. On the topic of environmental awareness, extend discussions by emphasizing its relationship with creatures on land and air. Inspire children to be stewards of nature.



Have you watched our videos of featured resources? We have been highlighting resources that can make your summertime more enjoyable. Check out our socials!

Visit us!

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EVENTS

Burnaby

Summer Cinema - Summer Cinema takes place at Civic Square on Friday evenings this summer. Bring a blanket or chair, some movie snacks and enjoy the show. Free underground parking is available at the Bob Prittie Metrotown library, and there are also portable washrooms on-site. Free admission! Events takes place rain or shine.

Willingdon Community Fair & Movie Night - Willingdon Community Fair returns to the neighbourhood. We are excited to welcome you, your family and friends. There are plenty of community booths – local sports groups, classic cars, earthquake simulator and BAG on a Bike, along with family friendly activities such as a bouncy castle, dinosaurs and face painting. Food trucks will be on site as well.

New Westminster



FAMILY ART in the PARK - A free drop-in event, where families can create artwork together under the trees at Ryall Park. Lots of hands-on projects to try, with local artists there to demonstrate. All supplies are provided. In the event of rain, please come to the QCC's Poplar Island Room. Come and join us for some creative summer fun!

Fridays on Front: Fridays on Front, presented by Douglas College, is a series of weekly block parties located on Front Street Mews in Downtown New Westminister, located within walking distance of both Columbia and New Westminister SkyTrain Stations. The event will run on six dates this year: July 7th, 14th and 21st, and August 11th, 18th, and 25th from 5:00-9:00pm. Join us for live entertainment and music sponsored by Reliance Properties, kids activities by Family Place, local food vendors, your favourite food trucks and a mini artisan market.

Tri-Cities

Summer Craft Mornings - August to September - 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. One entry per family. Parental attendance is required. Free!

BC Dumpling Festival - We are thrilled to be a part of BC Dumpling Festival again this year. Come and find our tent, make a craft, learn about our Natural Heritage theme, and celebrate the wonderful tastes of the many cultures of our community!

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!