

YMCA CCRR Events

Collaborative & Proactive Solutions to Challenging Behaviour: Nov. 8th, 4-7PM, Online Webinar. FREE!

A Drop from Education's Ocean: Nov. 16th, 7-9PM, Online via Zoom.

Communication & Legislation in Child Care: Nov. 22nd, 7-9PM, Tri-Cities office.

Emotions - Random or Reason?: Nov. 25th, 9:30-12:45PM, Online Via Zoom.

Visit myymca.ca to register. Get in quick!

October Event Photos

Did you get photographed at one of our events? Check out the photos below and see our social media to see if you were featured!



YMCA CCRR Program News

YMCA BC is a new entity formed by the unification of YMCA of Northern BC, Kamloops Community YMCA-YWCA, and the YMCA of Greater Vancouver in January 2023. YMCA BC now has a new [landing page](#) and our [website](#) will eventually be moving to the domain. Go check it out! You can find us under Greater Vancouver > Programs > YMCA CCRR.

The YMCA CCRR team came together on Friday, October 20th, for a day of professional development and learning. In the morning we delved deeply into helping us bond as a team and the afternoon was steeped in learning about Indigenous Cultural Advocacy and Allyship. It was a fantastic day of learning and we are thankful for having had the opportunity.

Guess what? Our Early Learning & Child Care Conference registration will open in mid-December. Keep an eye out on your email inbox – once registration for the conference opens up, that's where you'll find out first! If this was forwarded to you and you're not currently signed up for our monthly newsletter, please see [here](#).

YMCA CCR Program Features

Do you follow us on social media? If not, you should! On our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter/X](#) we post information daily. Curious if our Bettie Allard drop-in program is full? If our offices are closed for a holiday? When the YMCA CCRR Early Learning & Child Care Conference will be? If so, all of this information is posted to our socials. Come follow us!

Our [Fall 2023 Professional Development](#) is filling up! Did you know that 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 myymca.ca and register for the last few spots!

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.

Are you 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 be eligible to borrow from our early learning library. Interested? Contact us to set up an information session!

Community Events

Diwali Coquitlam: Nov. 3rd, 6-9PM, Evergreen Cultural Centre.

Poppy Painting Workshop: Nov, 4th, 10AM - 12PM, Century House.



Winter Fest: Nov. 15th, 11AM - 6PM, BCIT BBY Campus.

Flea Market: Nov. 18th, 9:30AM to 1:30PM, Confederation Seniors' Centre.



Oakdale Christmas Craft Fair: Nov. 18th, 11AM, Greater Heights Learning Academy.

Herbert Spencer Christmas Craft Fair: Nov 25th, 10AM to 3PM, École Herbert Spencer Elementary School.

Family Resources

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 Burnaby, New Westminster, and the Tri-Cities!

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

The YMCA CCRR has drop-in programs, too! Both our [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 at these programs are additionally made available to learn more about child development, parenting issues and the supports available to you in your community.

Join us!

Child Care News

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

- Employee Health Tax reimbursement now available
- Child Care Awards of Excellence spotlight: Violet Jessen

Past editions of the ChildCareBC Bulletin can be found [here](#).

Articles of Interest

Times Colonist - [Advocates push for province to license outdoor child care](#): "Saying it's better for kids to be outdoors and connecting with nature, a group of early childhood educators and researchers is once again pushing the province to license outdoor child care as an alternative to facility-oriented care. The push, which has been ongoing over the past four years, picked up steam during the pandemic and as parents, educators and some cities bemoaned the lack of child-care spaces and child-care options. The campaign recently asked the City of Victoria to pressure the province to act."

Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre - [BC's Path to Universal Child Care Podcast Season 3, Episode 1](#): "Derek Dubois & Tatiana Abi-Farrage, two early childhood education students from Vancouver Community College, share insights and personal experiences with us as they continue their education and career path in the childcare field."

Globe and Mail - [Some lucky Canadian families are paying far less for daycare. But \\$10 a day access is uneven and waiting lists have ballooned](#): "The government plan to subsidize fees was designed to enable more families to afford daycare for preschoolers and free up parents to return to the work force. Although rates can fluctuate across the country, Ottawa pledged to see costs reduced to a national average of \$10 a day. But with less than three years to go before the 2026 target for those regulated fees, access to the low rate remains uneven and there are far from enough spaces to meet demand."



YMCA CCRR Services ... We are here to help!

Parents:

- Child Care Information and Referrals, including community referrals.
- Knowledge of ChildCareBC initiatives to help lessen the cost of child care (Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative) and support with the application process (Affordable Child Care Benefit).
- Workshops, drop-in programs and family programming to help assist you in your parenting journey.
- Early learning library resources for borrowing to help foster your child's development through play.

Child Care Workforce:

- Information on becoming a Licensed or Registered Child Care Provider.
- Application assistance for ChildCareBC initiatives, i.e., Start Up Grant Funding, Wage Enhancement, Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative., etc.
- Workshops and courses to help nourish your early learning practices.
- Community referrals to help strengthen your child care programs.
- Professional networking opportunities to help widen your child care community.
- Early learning library resources for borrowing to help supplement your curricula and early learning provocations.

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Early Learning Library Corner



23165 Textured Senses



51216 Sensory Stacking Tower



13455 Touch & Match

Library Resources

Have you ever been to our Early Learning Resource Library? If not, go see our library video tour on YouTube, found [here!](#)

Are you interested in borrowing from our Early Learning Resource Library and curious if you're eligible to do so? Please reference our "[Who Can Borrow](#)" document.

Interested in borrowing? Or need to renew your account? See our [Lending Library Agreement Form!](#)

Would you like to place holds on particular resources of our's that catch your eye? If so, use our [Early Learning Library Portal](#).

Pictures more your style? View images of all the early learning resources we have available to borrow by viewing our [DropBox Catalogue!](#)

Dive into the wonderful world of sensory play and let the calming wonders unfold. By providing controlled sensory input, children can learn to process and regulate their responses to different stimuli, leading to better sensory integration. These resources help soothe the senses, boost self-esteem, and promote overall well-being while little ones engage in play.



49905 Neon Towers



37003 Loose Parts Wooden Tray



49897 Sorting Helper

Encouraging children to play with natural materials offers a sensory-rich experience and helps them focus on high-quality playtime. These resources promote imagination and creativity, and can serve as excellent prompts to kickstart open-ended fun. Bring the beauty of nature into your child's playtime for an enjoyable and enriching experience.

