



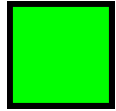
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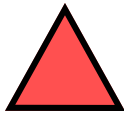
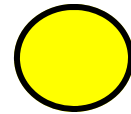
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Southern Vancouver Island Family Child Care Association Presents



Shaping a Better Tomorrow BCFCCA Conference 2010



April 23, 24 and 25, 2010
Harbour Towers Hotels and Suites Victoria, BC

BC Family Child Care Association

The professional organization of family child care providers in the province of British Columbia.
www.bcfcca.ca

Nanaimo and Ladysmith Community Profile by the Nanaimo/Ladysmith Consultants

We are having lots of fun at the Woodgrove Mall drop-in with children and their parents/caregivers, do drop by and spend an hour with us. The Fire Extinguisher Workshops were so popular over the winter that we will try to offer another one during the summer. May is Child Care Month and to celebrate Nanaimo is holding it's 14th Annual PacificCARE Teddy Bear Picnic and Ladysmith is offering its Annual Community Teddy Bear Picnic. The next Good Beginnings training is scheduled for the Fall, please call to put your name on an interest list.

We are excited about our Die Cutter in Nanaimo. PacificCARE's newest resource is a wonderful tool for care providers to utilize to build resources for their programs. Our launch party held in February had low attendance but those who participated were impressed with the ease in which felt stories, art activities and other games can be created. In May, our "Caring for the Caregiver Night" will showcase the Die Cutter and offer an opportunity to try it out. **Each participant will receive a gift package containing a felt story and ideas for creating their own resources.** See below for details.

Shirley Sugden
Anita Hickey
Nanaimo Child Care Consultants

Workshops and Courses

For information or to register for the following professional development, please contact the Nanaimo Office at 1-888-480-2273 or (250) 756-2022

Please note: Pre-registration and payment is required for all PacificCARE training one week in advance. Registration is only confirmed upon payment and is on a first-come first-registered basis. Some of the following workshops have limited seating so register early. Sorry, no refunds for no-shows.

Woodgrove Drop-In

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 9:30 to 10:30 AM

Location: Woodgrove Mall—right across from the Food Court

Fee: No charge

Join the fun with your wee ones! PacificCARE has partnered with Woodgrove Center to offer a Drop-In right at the mall. Come on out and enjoy the crafts, activities, stories and songs with your children.



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Workshops and Courses Nanaimo/Ladysmith Continued...

Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Pro D Hours: 2

Time: 7 to 9 PM

Location: Beban Park Recreation Center, Room 21, Nanaimo

Fee: \$10 members and \$15 for non-members

Karen Lindsay, the Emergency Program Manager with the city of Nanaimo, shares important information on the realities of emergency preparedness for your child care facility.

Make and Take Workshop

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2010

Pro D Hours: 2

Time: 7 to 9 PM

Location: Growing Together Early Learning Centre—421 Hambrook Street, Ladysmith

Fee: \$15 members and \$20 for non-members

Join Amber McLeod, an Early Childhood Educator for 20 years and owner operator of NICC's Child Care Center, for this fun workshop. She will provide you with ideas and resources that will rejuvenate your enthusiasm to create your own toys, games and materials for children.

Caring for the Caregiver Night

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Location: PacificCARE Head Office, 3156 Barons Road, Nanaimo

Fee: \$10

Join us for a "Mock" Wine and Cheese Night of networking and an opportunity to try out PacificCARE's new Die Cut Machine. We will provide a demonstration and allow a "hands-on" time for participants to try out this wonderful tool.

Each participant will receive a gift package containing a felt story and ideas for creating their own resources.

They will also have a chance to win one of our fabulous door prizes. Please note you must pre register for this fun evening.

Nanaimo Teddy Bear Picnic

Date: Friday, May 28, 2010

Time: 10 AM to Noon

Location: Mansfield Park—located between Cadogan Street and Saint Andrews Street

Fee: No charge

Join PacificCARE CCRR, along with other community partners, to enjoy a fun activity-filled morning. Don't forget to bring your Teddy Bear!





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Addressing Challenging Behaviours

Date: March 15—April 26, 2010

Time: 6 to 9 PM

Location: Lower Level Meeting Room, Child Development Centre—1135 Nelson Street, Nanaimo

Fee: \$15 for materials

Contact: Estella 753-0251 ext 294 or Heather 753-0251 ext 263 to register.

Spaces are limited, so register early.

Food Flair Nanaimo

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Location: Princess Royal Family Center—260 Irwin Street, Nanaimo

Fee: No charge

Contact: (250) 739-5845—Reception extension 0. Remember to give the location where you are attending. Come out to this informative workshop on children's nutrition with Eileen Bennewith, Community Nutritionist. Participants will receive a free copy of the Food Flair Manual. Register before April 1, 2010.

Pro D Hours: 2

Food Flair Ladysmith

Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Location: Ladysmith Community Care Centre (Old Cafeteria)

1111-4th Avenue, Ladysmith

Take elevator to basement, 1st door on left.

See above for details.

ECEBC Nanaimo Branch Meetings

Date: March 22, April 19, 2010

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Location: March 22 - Nanaimo Montessori, 5581 Waddington

April 19 - Enchanted Moments, 5581 Norton Road (off Hammond Bay)

Fee: No charge

Contact: Amber (250) 753-9440 or Sharon at d_larkins@telus.net.

March 15: Everyone welcome: guest speaker Sheila Davidson, Executive Director, ECEBC.

April 19: Everyone welcome: guest speaker Elizabeth Pennell, Strong Start Coordinator, SD 68.

Ladysmith Community Teddy Bear Picnic

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010

Time: 10 AM to 1 PM

Location: Transfer Beach, Ladysmith

Fee: No charge

Contact: Sandy (250) 245-8183





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Parksville/Oceanside Community Profile by Susan Oliver

Hello and Happy Spring, Oceanside. With longer and warmer days heading our way, I hope you will enjoy spending more time outside with the children in your care. The Wild BC Workshop gave us some great ideas on outdoor learning, activities, and nature awareness. If you missed the session here in Qualicum Beach, there are sessions this month in Comox and Port Alberni.

In April we are offering a Puppetry Workshop with Janet Delgatty from the Qualicum Beach Library. May brings Child Care Month with Arrowsmith Child Care Association and PacificCARE teaming up for an evening of appetizers, pampering and fun for care providers. Watch your email for more details!

Susan Oliver
Oceanside Consultant

Note: There will not be any Munchkinland Drop-ins on March 9, 10, 16, and 17, 2010 due to spring break.

Workshops and Courses

For information or to register for the following professional development please contact Susan Oliver in the Parksville/Oceanside Office at (250) 594-1109 or soliver@pacificcare.bc.ca

Please note: Pre-registration and payment is required for all PacificCARE training one week in advance. Registration is only confirmed upon payment and is on a first-come first-registered basis. Some of the following workshops have limited seating so register early. Sorry, no refunds for no-shows.

Please call Susan Oliver for up-to-date information on Spring Workshop offerings.

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Want to know which programs and activities are going on for children 0-6? Pick up your copy of "What's Up for Kids" available at various locations throughout the community.

What's up for Kids?

BLT Program Guide and Schedules for Mother Goose, Munchkinland, and more!

PLUS a full page schedule of Community Programs for children 0-6 years and their families!

January to June 2010

Building Learning Together
Coalition of Community Partners
248-4041
<http://blt.sd69.bc.ca>



Port Alberni/West Coast Community Profile by Julie Rushton

Hello from Port Alberni. We have had a busy time here on the West Coast with Workshops and Connections gatherings. There are several professional development opportunities coming our way this spring. Watch for the emails!!

Please take some time to come check out what our Child Care Connections Group is working on. We are a child care voice that is working hard to advocate for our profession and the children and families we work with. Remember to have children pack their rain clothes and puddle jumpers and get outside to explore! There are so many wonderful events happening in nature during spring time.

Workshops and Courses

For information on the following professional development opportunities, please contact Julie Rushton by email jrushton@pacific-care.bc.ca. To register call 1 888 480-2273.

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Wild BC: Get Outdoors

Pro-D hours: 5

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010

Time: 10 AM to 3 PM

Location: Alberni Valley Community School (Alberni Elementary)

Fee: \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members

Come explore this new educator's guide, that supports educators of school-age children in getting students outside and engaged in experiencing the outdoor classroom. A diversity of learning styles, student abilities and teaching settings are addressed through a wide range of easy and powerful sensory-awareness activities that help develop personal connections to nature. This unique guide also includes current research on the importance of outdoor experiences to students' mental, physical and spiritual health. Developed over two years with input from dozens of experienced teachers and outdoor educators, the guide addresses these challenges through Teacher Tip Sheets and Practical Checklists covering Group Management, Materials, Field Trip Planners and the importance of the "100-Metre Field Trip." This training will be held rain or shine. Please dress for the weather and come prepared to have FUN! Please bring your own lunch. Although this training is geared towards school-age children, everyone is welcome as skills are often transferable and activities can be modified for younger children.

Networking/Resource Creating Evening

Pro-D hours: 5

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Time and Location: TBA

For more information, or to be added to the email list for this evening and similar gatherings, please email Julie at jrushton@pacific-care.bc.ca.

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West Coast Aboriginal Parents As Literacy Supports (P.A.L.S.)

Date: Friday, March 12, 2010

Time: 10 AM to 2 PM

For more information contact Theresa Gereluk West Coast Literacy Coordinator at 250 723-0001.



Comox Valley/Powell River Community Profile by Sandra Allen and Sue Warren

The spring of 2010 is shaping up to be a busy one. Parents continue seeking referrals and subsidy information, and our Spring Workshop lineup is quickly filling up. Earlier this year, we hosted the Business in a Box and Sign Language with Wee Hands Workshops which were both well attended. Coming up in March is the CCRR Conference and Wild BC: Get Outdoors Workshops. In April, Partnerships in Communications begins. See below for more information. May is fast approaching with planning underway for our annual Caring for the Caregiver Event. Stay tuned for more information. Attendance at our Purple Dragon drop-in has increased with a large number of both parents and child care providers attending. We look forward to seeing you this spring.

Sandra Allen & Sue Warren
Courtenay/Powell River Consultants

Workshops and Courses

For information or to register for the following workshops please call (from Comox Valley) 250-338-4288 to speak to Sandra Allen (local 236) or Sue Warren (local 250), or from Powell River 1-888-480-2273. We strive to return our calls quickly. You can also register by email at sallen@pacific-care.bc.ca.

Please note: Pre-registration and payment is required for all PacificCARE training one week in advance. Registration is only confirmed upon payment and is on a first-come first-registered basis. Some of the following workshops have limited seating so register early. Sorry, no refunds for no-shows.

Wild BC: Get Outdoors (Courtenay location)

Pro-D hours: 5

Date: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Time: 10 AM to 3 PM

Location: Salish Building at the Lewis Center

Fee: \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members

See Powell River Workshops for a workshop description

Wild BC: Get Outdoors (Powell River location)

Pro-D hours: 5

We want to provide an opportunity for you to attend this amazing workshop, so we are in the process of rescheduling it. Please call for next date and location.





Comox Valley/Powell River Workshops Continued...

Partnerships in Communication

A four-part series that is structured around daily routines and encourages participants to see how routines can be used as language learning opportunities for young children. Participants may attend individual sessions or all of the sessions.

Time (of each session): 6:30 to 9:30 PM

Location (of each session): Salish Building at the Lewis Center

Fee: Individual session—\$10 for members and \$15 for non-members

For the whole series—\$35 for members and \$55 for non-members

Session One:

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Text and DVDs address how to help young children who are difficult to understand. How can we help these children speak more clearly so their peers and others can understand them?

Session Two:

Date: Monday, April 26, 2010

Text and DVDs address how to help children who are just beginning to understand language. How can we identify their attempts to communicate? How can we build on these attempts?

Session Three:

Date: Monday, May 3, 2010

Text and DVDs address how to help children who are learning more complex language skills (e.g. vocabulary concepts, story-telling, sentence structures, early literacy). How can we help these children build their language skills?

Session Four:

Date: Monday, May 10, 2010

Text and DVDs address how to help children who have difficulty communicating within a social context (e.g. children who are on the autism spectrum). Typically these children are not able or appear uninterested in communicating. How can we help these children play with their peers? How can we help them understand what to do during social interactions?



