

# Island Family Information Website

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**NOTICE BOARD: December, January, February 2012**



<b>DECEMBER'S - - <i>One Time Events</i></b>		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME &amp; DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION &amp; CONTACT</u>
<p>Date: <b>Thursday December 1</b></p> <p>Time: 6 pm</p> <p>Cost: your dinner...</p>	<p><b>Arrowsmith Child Care Association Christmas Dinner</b></p> <p>Dinner and a fun \$10 gift exchange!</p>	<p>Cuckoo in Coombs - <b>Coombs</b></p> <p>Contact: Corinne Purchase at <a href="mailto:spurch@shaw.ca">spurch@shaw.ca</a> or 250-752-3263 for more information</p>
<p>Date: <b>Thursday December 8</b></p> <p>Time: 9:30 – 11am</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p><b>"Raising Resilient Children."</b></p> <p>Triple P Positive Parenting Seminar Series. Seminar #3</p>	<p>Princess Royal Family Centre - <b>Nanaimo</b></p> <p>Contact: 250-755-6265</p>
<b>January's - - <i>One Time Events</i></b>		
<p>Date: <b>3 Saturdays: January 21, February 11 and March 3.</b></p> <p><b>Time 9-4:30</b></p> <p><b>Cost: TBA</b></p>	<p><b>Responsible Adult - PacificCARE Training</b></p> <p>A 20 hour course meeting the licensing requirements for a responsible adult working in a child care center. Covering: health, nutrition, safety, growth and development, guiding and caring, parent-caregiver relationships, learning through play, and basic programming.</p>	<p>Location: Comox Valley Child Care Association Building -<b>Courtenay</b></p> <p>For more information or to register please contact Sue or Sandra at PacificCARE, Courtenay, 250-338-8022 Loc 236 or 250</p>
<p>Date: <b>Tuesday January 24</b></p> <p>Time: 6:30 – 9 pm</p> <p>Cost: \$50</p>	<p><b>Business in a Box – PacificCARE Workshop</b></p> <p>Covers many important aspects of the business of family childcare including marketing, organizing, accounting and taxation. Cost includes organization tote/file box and Business of Childcare booklet.</p>	<p>PacificCARE Office - <b>Nanaimo</b></p> <p>For more information or to register please contact Shirley at PacificCARE, Nanaimo, 250-756-2011 ex 36</p>

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<p>Date: <b>Saturday January 28</b></p> <p>Time: 1 – 3:30 pm</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p><b>My Story/Your Story</b></p> <p>Celebrate Family Literacy day at your local library: activities may include crafts, Parent Child Mother Goose, children’s entertainment, story time and more. Check with your local VIRL branch for more details.</p>	<p>Participating VIRL branches on January 28:</p> <p>Gabriola Island Library– 250-247-7878                      Ladysmith Library– 250-245-3322                      Nanaimo Wellington Branch - 250-758-5544</p>
<p>Date: Sunday January 29</p> <p>Time: 1-3:30 pm</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p><b>My Story/Your Story</b></p> <p>Celebrate Family Literacy Day at the Nanaimo Harbourfront Library. Activities may include: Parent Child Mother Goose, Around Town Tellers, Puppet show, crafts, children’s entertainers and more.</p>	<p>Nanaimo Harbourfront Library - <b>Nanaimo</b></p> <p>Contact: 250-753-1154</p>
<b>February’s - - <i>One Time Events</i></b>		
<p>Date: <b>Saturday February 4</b></p> <p>Time: 9 am – 4 pm</p> <p>Cost: \$30</p>	<p><b>Moe the Mouse® Training Hosted by PacificCARE</b></p> <p>An innovative program developed by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society that uses Aboriginal toys and stories to enhance language development in children; activities provide opportunities for children to practice language skills in a child care centre, preschool and home setting.</p>	<p>Facilitated by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society; hosted by PacificCARE - <b>Nanaimo</b></p> <p>For more information or to register please contact Kirsten at PacificCARE, Nanaimo, 250-756-2022 ex 34</p>
<p>Date: <b>Thursday February 9</b></p> <p>Time: 6:30 –8:30 pm</p> <p>Cost: \$10</p>	<p><b>Emergency Preparedness - PacificCARE Workshop</b></p> <p>A workshop for child care providers on how to prepare for emergencies in the childcare setting. Hosted by PacificCARE.</p>	<p>Location: <b>Campbell River, TBA</b></p> <p>For more information or to register please contact Eleanor Gee at PacificCARE, Campbell River, 250-203-6022</p>

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Date: Thursday February 16  Time: 6:30-8:30 pm  Cost: Free	<b>Child Care BusinessTax – PacificCARE Workshop</b>  A workshop for child care providers on what and how to claim for taxes for your child care business. Facilitated by Kathy Voth, hosted by PacificCARE.	Location: Robron Centre – <b>Campbell River</b>  For more information or to register, contact Eleanor Gee at PacificCARE, Campbell River, 250-203-6022
Date: <b>Thursday</b> <b>February 21</b>  Time: 7-9 pm  Cost: \$10	<b>Child Care BusinessTax – PacificCARE Workshop</b>  A workshop for child care providers on what and how to claim for taxes for your child care business. Facilitated by PacificCARE.	Location: Comox Valley Child Development Association Building- <b>Courtenay</b>  For more information or to register, please contact Sue or Sandra at PacificCARE, 250-338-4288 loc 250/236

### *Repeating Events for December, January and February 2011*

*\*Events with asterisk can be found in the Greater Nanaimo Early Years magazine, please check this listing for any updates or changes*

<i>REPEATING MONTHLY</i>	<u>NAME &amp; DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION &amp; CONTACT</u>
Days: <b>Mondays</b>  Time: 10:15 to 11am  Cost: Free	<b>Hilton Music Drop-in – Port Alberni</b> A free drop-in program on Mondays from. An opportunity for parents and caregivers to join their children in a fun hour of drumming, play, crafts, stories and songs. Activities are appropriate for children 5 and under.	Location: In the gym at the Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre (4325 Neill Street) – <b>Port Alberni</b>  Contact: Scott at 250-735-3022 or sbeam@pacific-care.bc.ca
Days: <b>Mondays</b>  Time: 9:30 – 11:30	<b>Family Place Playgroup*</b>  A playgroup for birth to 5 yrs. Please call to confirm time and location.	Boys and Girls Club – <b>Lantzville</b>  Contact: 250-390-4001
Days: <b>Mondays</b>  Time: 9:30 am – 12 pm	<b>Bellies to Babies and Beyond*</b>  For pregnant women and parents of infants. Child minding may be available. Pre-registration is required.	Princess Royal Family Centre – <b>Nanaimo</b>  Contact: 250-753-7470

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<p>Days: <b>Mondays, Wednesdays &amp; Fridays</b></p> <p>Time: 1-3 pm</p>	<p><b>Breastfeeding Centre Drop-In*</b></p> <p>Drop-in for breastfeeding mothers at the Nanaimo Health Unit.</p>	<p>Nanaimo Health Unit - Nanaimo</p> <p>Call to confirm times and locations 250-755-3388</p>
<p>Days: <b>Monday to Friday</b></p> <p>Time: Varies</p>	<p><b>Infant to School-Aged Immunizations*</b></p> <p>Through VIHA by appointment only.</p>	<p>Various Locations – Nanaimo</p> <p>Princess Royal Family Centre - 739-5845 Tillicum Lelum Health Centre - 753-6578 Nanaimo Public Health – 250-755-3388</p>
<p>Days: <b>Monday-Friday</b></p> <p>Time: 8:45 – 11:45 am</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p><b>School Districts Strong Start Drop-Ins*</b></p> <p>Drop-in, early learning programs for children aged 0-5 accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Programs are funded by the Ministry of Education.</p>	<p>Various Locations in all Communities</p> <p>Check with your local school district to confirm times and locations.</p>
<p>Days: <b>Monday - Friday</b></p> <p>Time: Varies</p> <p>Cost: <b>Free</b></p>	<p><b>Library Story Times</b></p> <p>Story Time programs for Babies, Toddlers, Preschoolers, Families and more (P.C.M.G., Author Readings).</p>	<p>Location: Harbour Front Library &amp; Wellington VIRL branches - Nanaimo</p> <p>Please visit VIRL website for up-to-date session times: <a href="http://www.virl.bc.ca">www.virl.bc.ca</a></p>
<p>Days: <b>Tuesdays</b></p> <p>Time : 12:15-1:45 pm</p> <p>Cost: \$1 suggested donation</p>	<p><b>LaFF Family Frolics Program-Ladysmith</b></p> <p>A movement based family fun time for 0-6 parents/caregivers. It's a time for physical activity, fun and friendship.</p>	<p>Location: Aggie Hall - Ladysmith</p> <p>website:<a href="http://www.familyandfriends.ca">www.familyandfriends.ca</a></p>
<p>Days: <b>Tuesdays</b></p> <p>Time: 9:30 - 10:30 am</p> <p>Cost: <b>Free</b></p>	<p><b>Woodgrove Drop-In –Nanaimo</b></p> <p>Parents and/or care providers are invited to participate with their children in art, free play and circle time activities, facilitated by qualified Early Childhood Educators from PacificCARE.</p>	<p>Location: Woodgrove Mall, adjacent to the food court - Nanaimo</p> <p>Contact: Shirley at PacificCARE, Nanaimo, 250-756-2022</p>

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<p>Days: <b>Tuesdays</b></p> <p>Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p><b>Courtenay Baby Talk</b></p> <p>For 0-6 months. Bring baby and meet other parents, hear guest speakers and access resources, support and knowledge.</p>	<p>Location: Lewis Centre – Courtenay</p> <p>Contact: Chris Chapple at 250-339-0194</p>
<p>Days: <b>Tuesdays</b></p> <p>Time: 9:30 – 11am</p> <p>Cost: \$1 suggested donation</p>	<p><b>Family Drop-In - Chase River*</b></p> <p>A drop-in for children ages 0-6 and their care giver(s) (parents, grandparents, care providers, foster parents, etc) facilitated by Early Childhood Educators.</p>	<p>Location: Chase River Boys and Girls Club – Chase River</p> <p>Contact: Sarah Bryce at 250-754-3215</p>
<p>Days: <b>Tuesdays</b></p> <p>Time: 9:30-11:15 am</p> <p>Cost: <b>Free</b></p>	<p><b>Purple Dragon Drop-In – Courtenay</b></p> <p>A drop-in program for early learners and those caring for them. Facilitated by Early Childhood Educators from PacificCARE.</p>	<p>Location: Comox Valley Child Development Building</p> <p>Contact: Contact Sue at PacificCARE, Courtenay, 250-338-8022 ext. 236 or 250</p>
<p>Days: <b>Various (starting January)</b></p> <p>Time: Varies</p> <p>Cost: <b>Free</b></p>	<p><b>Parent-Child Mother Goose*</b></p> <p>A program for 2-4 yr-olds and their parents teaching shared words, actions, images and feelings of rhymes and stories to enhance the relationship between parent and child.</p>	<p>Location: Various - Nanaimo</p> <p>Register in advance: please call 250-713-1745 or email <a href="mailto:mthrgoos@telus.net">mthrgoos@telus.net</a>.</p> <p>For info on P.C.M.G. in your community visit: <a href="http://www.nald.ca/mothergooseprogram/">http://www.nald.ca/mothergooseprogram/</a></p>
<p>Days: <b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Time: 9:30 – 11 am</p> <p>Cost: <b>Free</b></p>	<p><b>Munchkinland Care Provider Drop-In-Oceanside</b></p> <p>A program with play, art, activities and circle time for children; networking for care providers. Facilitated by PacificCARE and Building Learning Together.</p>	<p>Location: Qualicum Beach Elementary</p> <p>Contact: Sue at PacificCARE, Oceanside, 250-927-2022</p>

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Day: <b>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b> (once monthly)  Time: 7 – 9 pm  Cost: <b>Free</b>	<b>Island Childcare Connections</b>  Non-profit group for child care providers, meeting the fourth Thursday of each month to network, share curriculum/education ideas.	Location: TBA each meeting  Contact: <a href="http://www.childcare-connections.webs.com">www.childcare-connections.webs.com</a>
Day: <b>Thursday</b>  Time: 10-11:45 am	<b>Rug Huggers*</b>  A Parent and Tot drop-in for ages 0-3	Gabriola Island Hope Centre  Call to confirm time and location 250-247-8730
Day: <b>Friday</b>  Time: 9:30 - 11 am  Cost: <b>Free</b>	<b>MunchkinLand Care Provider Drop-In Coombs</b>  A program with play, art, activities and circle time for children; networking for care providers. Facilitated by PacificCARE	Location: French Creek Community School - <b>Coombs</b>  Contact: Sue at 250-927-2022 or email <a href="mailto:soliver@pacific-care.bc.ca">soliver@pacific-care.bc.ca</a>
Days: <b>Bi-Weekly Saturdays</b>  Time: 1-3 pm  Cost: by donation	<b>Campbell River Super Saturdays</b>  A bi-weekly drop-in art class for families.	Campbell River Art Gallery – Campbell River  250-287-2261
Day: <b>Saturdays</b>  Time: 10 am - 12 noon	<b>Dad's Group –Ladysmith</b>  A group for fathers that meets at LRCA on Saturdays.	Location: LRCA – Ladysmith  Contact: 250-245-3079.

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