

Sunshine Coast Child Care and Community Connections



Fall 2020 Newsletter

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Happy Fall!

Summer is winding down and CCRR staff are gearing up for our “new normal” fall season.

CCRR offices in Sechelt and Gibsons have now reopened and effective September 8th, we are back to our normal operating hours including Saturdays in Sechelt. For the protection of our staff and visitors to our office we have implemented health and safety policies and procedures that conform to Worksafe BC and CDC guidelines. Our lending library has reopened and we invite child care providers and families to come in one at a time to browse and borrow. Library items can also be viewed in our on-line catalogue (coastccrr.ca). Child care providers have the option to request items and arrange for a socially distanced outdoor drop off and pick up at their centres.

As child care centres are reopening or transitioning back to their regular clients, there have challenges along the way. CCRR hears you and we are here to assist you and support you in any way we can. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

We are sad to say good-bye to two of our team, Tamara Piekaar and Lauri Paul. It has been wonderful working with them both and we are grateful for all they have contributed to our program. We wish them all the best and look forward to working with them in their new roles.

Our workshops are now completely virtual and we have some good ones scheduled for the fall. Please see inside the newsletter for details.

Our Community of Practice with local child care providers is slowly growing. Participants meet via zoom for an hour once a month. We are committed to continuing this endeavor with our new hires. Please contact us if you would like to participate.

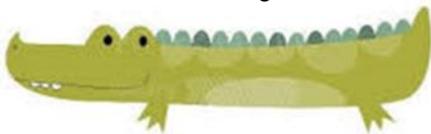
CCRR is pleased to announce that we are working with Western University to host the “Early Childhood Pedagogy Network”. We would like to welcome Janet Lacroix, the ECPN Pedagogist. Please see inside the newsletter for details.

Please note that CCRR offices will be closed Saturday, October 10th and Monday, October 12th for Thanksgiving and Wednesday, November 11th, for Remembrance Day.

Catherine, Tracy, Lauri and Tamara

Tamara's Good Bye

SEE
YOU
LATER



It's been just over a year since I began my work with the CCRR here on the Coast. In my role as an Outreach consultant you generously invited me into your centres for visits and conversations. I have learned so much of what it takes to operate a child care program on the Sunshine Coast. It's with this information that I feel I can move confidently into the position as child care licensing officer with VCH.

Thank you to Catherine, Tracy and Lauri for the outstandingly warm welcome and making me feel valued and like I belonged right from the beginning.

With gratitude,

Tamara

A NEW
DAY FOR
FAMILIES

CHILDCARE BC

Need Affordable Child Care Benefit Assistance? Sunshine Coast CCRR is happy to help! For more information stop by our offices, call 604-885-5657 or email coastccrr@sccss.ca. Here are some links to videos to help you get started:

ACCB Application: <https://youtu.be/Y-w8WlbhNn4>

ACCB Spouse: <https://youtu.be/gzzTspmWuYE>

Here is the video link for the MY Family Services.

My Family Services: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUM6w9eEZY0>

Go outside and play! Opportunities for outdoor play critical for children during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic

Lawson Foundation shares recommendations for policy makers, early learning and child care, and post secondary early childhood education programs to implement to address the immediate and longer-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children.



Toronto, ON, July 13, 2020 – Go outside and play! That’s the key message in a statement released today by the Lawson Foundation in response to growing concern about the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and related risk-mitigation measures on children in communities across Canada.

Prepared with the input of advisors from public health and the early learning and child care (ELCC) sector, the statement includes guiding principles and recommendations to support the reopening and ongoing implementation of high quality ELCC programs during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Increasing opportunities for outdoor play is

within everyone’s reach,” says Lawson Foundation President & CEO Marcel Lauzière. “Policy makers and the early learning and child care sector have the tools to increase children’s opportunities for outdoor play now and in the future. It’s critical that we get it right for this generation of young children who may well spend much of their critical early childhood period influenced by COVID-19.”

According to the Lawson Foundation, promoting and facilitating more opportunities for kids to play outside will have significant and immediate positive impacts for both public health COVID-19 control measures and critical child development and learning.

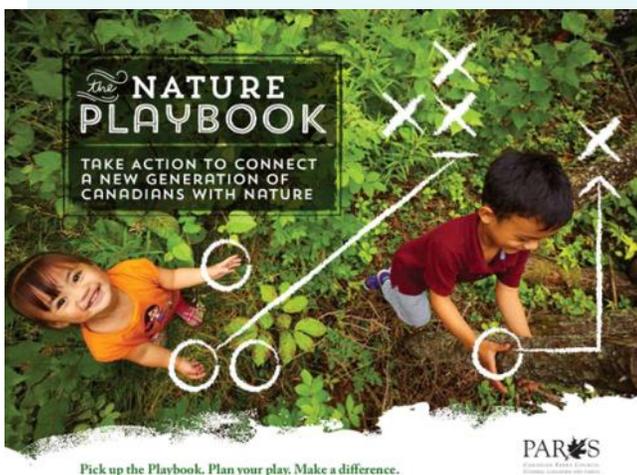
“The use of the outdoors is underestimated and overlooked as a significant COVID-19 mitigation strategy in children’s settings,” says Lawson Foundation Program Director Christine Alden. “Outdoor play experiences are also critical to high quality early learning and child care programs to support healthy child development.”

Visit www.lawson.ca/op-elcc-covid19.pdf to read and share the full statement and to learn more about the Lawson Foundation’s work supporting outdoor play in Canada.

About the Lawson Foundation

The Lawson Foundation is a Canadian family foundation that invests in and engages with ideas, people and organizations that contribute to the healthy development of children and youth. Learn more about us and our work at www.lawson.ca. **Media Contact** Amanda Mayer 613.292.0569 amayer@lawson.ca

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Free Resource from Outdoor Play Canada: <https://www.outdoorplaycanada.ca/>

[The Nature Playbook](https://www.outdoorplaycanada.ca/) is a free and accessible resource/tool for outdoor play practitioners; it was published in July 2016 by the Canadian Parks Council. The book and its associated tools for implementation were created and designed by an intergenerational working group of Canadians from coast to coast to coast, all in support of increasing outdoor play in nature for all Canadians. To access the Nature Playbook, visit www.parks-parcs.ca/pdf/playbook/nature-playbook.pdf.

The Family Place Vegetable Garden



Our vegetable garden has been a “growing” success! Since March when the garden boxes were built, we saw the transformation of wood and dirt into bountiful harvest. Through the dedicated work of volunteers, Denise and Ken, the veggie plants in the back garden began to produce lettuce, arugula, kale, herbs, tomatoes and zucchinis.

The Bellies and Babies program has used much of the produce in prepared lunches and even Mother’s Day gifts. Staff of the program shared surplus produce of purple beans, zucchini and much more with program participants and families participated in our “Growing Together” program helping to care for and water the garden. The children were invited to create their own planters with fresh veggie starter plants.



Start Your Own Business: Become a Registered Child Care Provider!

A Licence-Not-Required Child Care Provider (LNR) may care for two unrelated children, OR one sibling group, in addition to their own (blood, marriage, foster) at any one time.

Registered LNRs have access to all CCRR services: child care referrals, resources, consultations, newsletters, toy lending library, funding to help you get started, workshops and more!

In addition, families eligible for the Affordable Child Care Benefit with a Registered LNR child care provider will receive a higher rate for children under 5 years of age.

For more information, contact the Sunshine Coast Child Care Resource and Referral Program (CCRR).

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Childcare BC New Spaces Fund: Creating New Spaces

The Second Call for Applications is now open from now until 4:30pm on November 1, 2020.

The Childcare BC New Spaces Fund provides funding to create new licensed child care, helping families access affordable, quality child care and strengthening communities across British Columbia. The second call for applications will continue in the third year of the Government’s space creation commitment. Through the New Spaces Fund, the Ministry of Children and Family Development is seeking to maximize the number of spaces in high need areas across the province by focusing on community planning and child care needs.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/childcare-new-spaces-fund>



Upcoming Online Workshops and Training Opportunities

Call the CCRR at 604-885-5657 or email coastccrr@sccss.ca to register for any of these workshops

Relationship Matters: Becoming a Behavioural Detective—Understanding and Supporting Complex Behaviour

Date: Sunday, September 20, 2020 9:00am – 4:00pm (includes a 1 hour lunch break)

Online Training by Kim Barthel

Cost: Free to Sunshine Coast residents from Port Mellon to Lund

Suitable for: early years professionals and parents. 6 hour pro-d certificates issued

Presented by The Sunshine Coast Early Intervention Team and CCRR in partnership

There is always a reason for the behaviour! This powerful one-day online training will provide an understanding of why people do the things they do. Learning Outcomes:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the function of challenging behaviour, and the many factors that may be involved
- Be able to differentiate between sensory processing issues, developmental disability challenges and the emotional and cognitive components of complex behaviour
- Appreciate the variables that impact a child's ability to learn, socially engage and perform functional tasks
- Be introduced to strategies and skills to support people in a wide variety of contexts

Kim Barthel is an award-winning occupational therapist, multi-disciplinary teacher and best-selling author who is active in supporting people in many cultures, all over the world. A pioneer in reinforcing the importance of relationship, Kim has a special interest in understanding complex behaviour, neurobiology, trauma-informed practice, sensory processing, movement, attachment theory, mental health, and anything that will support people in being their best selves.

Hedgehog Finds a Home for Winter: The Magic of Story-Telling and Puppetry

A Needle Felting Workshop - Online Training

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 6:30 – 8:30pm

Presenter: Natalie Grambow

Cost: Free. Priority registration for Sunshine Coast child care providers. All materials will be provided ahead of the workshop. 2 hour pro-d certificates issued

In these somewhat uncertain times, young children pick up on the feelings of anxiousness and stress carried by the adults in their lives. The simple act of telling stories, stories of protection and shelter, can help in so many ways to alleviate reactions to adult stress, soothe anxiety, and bring a sense of well-being by engaging a young child's imagination in a magical world of nature. Hand felted puppets can enhance the story-teller's journey into this magical world.

Participants will learn the basics of needle felting wool fleece to create the characters for a late fall sweet story basket. The simple story draws inspiration from the concept of safety and shelter within the world of nature, where a small hedgehog, with the help of a friend, finds a pumpkin to create a home for the on-coming winter. This story basket makes for a wonderful story-telling opportunity with soft, natural sensory props, where children will delight in the narrative of an enchanted fall scene.

Natalie Grambow is a fiber artist and an accredited Waldorf Early Childhood Educator. She has an extensive background in therapeutic puppetry and story-telling for young children, and has been teaching felting and story-telling workshops for many years to EC professionals.

Upcoming Online Workshops and Training Opportunities (Continued)

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Supporting Risky Outdoor Play during COVID-19

Date: Monday, November 23, 2020 6:30 – 8:30pm

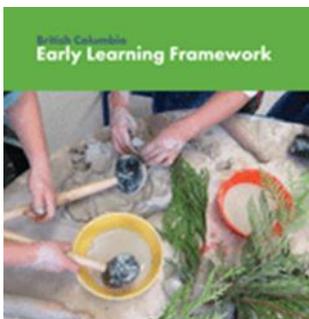
Presenter: Dr. Mariana Brussoni—Online training

Cost: Free

Suitable for: child care providers, other early years professionals and parents. 2 hour pro-d certificates issued

Supporting Risky Outdoor Play during COVID-19 Research is clear on the importance of regular and repeated access to outdoor risky play. During the COVID-19 outbreak, the importance of supporting children's play outdoors is even more urgent as a means of infection control. This session will help you build the case about the need for outdoor risky play as well as get practical ideas to make positive change in your work with children. Myths will be dispelled, truths revealed, and incredible opportunities for children to have new experiences introduced. Learn the key concepts that support outdoor play and how you can begin to incorporate these into your programs and plans. Lastly, hear about tools and educational resources to help you on your journey.

Dr. Mariana Brussoni is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia (UBC), and an investigator with the British Columbia Children's Hospital Research Institute and the BC Injury Research & Prevention Unit. Mariana conducts research on children's outdoor and risky play, adult attitudes related to children's risk taking and safety, and designing supportive outdoor play environments. She has published her research extensively and her work was featured in CBC's the Nature of Things 2019 documentary, The Power of Play. Mariana was awarded the 2019 inaugural Outdoor Play Canada Dr. Mariana Brussoni award.



BC Early Learning Framework—online training opportunity

The Province of British Columbia is pleased to launch the new Online Course - [Introducing the Early Learning Framework](#). This course for educators, families, and anyone who works or spends time with children from birth to age eight. It reflects the key concepts of the B.C. Early Learning Framework (2019) with examples of what this looks like in practice. Completion of the course will provide up to 8 hours of professional learning credits for early childhood educators.



HEALTHY EATING &
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
IN THE EARLY YEARS

APPETITE TO PLAY ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: FALL/WINTER 2020
ONLINE WORKSHOPS: \$19 per person

Check out the full schedule here: [Appetite to Play Training](#)
E LEARNING MODULES: \$14 per module

Learn at your leisure with our two E Learning Modules, which include 1.5 hours of professional development:

Physical Literacy: [Register here](#)
Healthy Eating: [Register here](#)



Child Care Administration Corner



BC Early Years
Professional Development Hub

A one-stop online professional development hub for educators working within the BC early years sector

An online platform to come together with other professionals to learn, share and connect through online courses, discussion groups and more <https://bcearlyyearshub.ca/>

Coronavirus COVID-19
BC Centre for Disease Control | BC Ministry of Health

HOW YOU CAN SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- Take care of others by taking care of yourself.
Wash your hands, don't touch your face, and stay home if you are sick.
- Stay at Home and Physically Distance
Stay at home whenever you can. Maintain 2 meters distance from those outside of your household.

[Click here to view BC's Covid 19 Child Care Guidelines](#)

NOW HIRING Child Care Job Postings

WE'RE HIRING! - Program and Outreach Support Worker

Sunshine Coast Community Services Child Care Resource & Referral program offers quality child care and community referrals, resources and support to child care providers and families in every community from Port Mellon to Egmont.

What does it take to be a Program and Outreach Support Worker? You must have a commitment to quality child care, a current understanding of best practice and child care issues pertaining to providers and families. You are confident working with children, families and community stakeholders.

If you are an enthusiastic, dedicated Early Childhood Educator with experience in child care settings, please consider applying for this exciting opportunity to make a significant difference in our community.

Click here for the full job description.

Please submit your resume and cover letter to khopkins@sccss.ca by Friday, September 11 position you are applying for in the subject line.

Esprit Daycare is currently seeking licensed IT, ECE & ECEA to fill various Full Time positions and for subbing.

Must be fun, dependable, and have great communication skills. Great wages & Benefits plus WE. Contact Jenn @ 604-886-7739 or sctpes@telus.net for details.

Serendipity Child Development Centre is looking for an ECE or ECEA in Madeira Park, BC.

Part time or full time position. We need someone who will fit well with our team; someone who is open-minded, outgoing, and has a positive outlook. We would like someone who wants to learn with the children, guide them with life skills by facilitating developmentally appropriate activities, and help them develop positive relationships. Our centre is located in a small community in Madeira Park, BC. Our children enjoy going for walks and outings around town.

Please send your Resume to managerserendipity@gmail.com or Call Terna @ 604-883-2316.

Sunshine Coast Child Care Community of Practice

Let's get together monthly and discuss the complexity of working as an early childhood educator and caregiver. To make it easy for you to meet up, see your peers, ask questions, express concerns, share successes, we have set up a monthly Zoom call. No need to leave your home or rush on your way anywhere. Just click on the Zoom link.



Meetings will take place the last Thursday night of each month at 6:30—7:30.

We will send out a Zoom link and a reminder prior to the meeting.

The evening will be filled with discussion and fun connection. We will focus on a topic and provide resources but it will be open to what concerns you most.

Record it on your calendar. Email to register and send inquiries or ideas you want us all to explore.

coastccrr@sccss.ca

A successful and enriching Community of Practice includes effective communication and collaboration. The diverse range of experiences, expertise and perspectives can provide opportunities that reveal what you value and can inspire your practice as professionals. Here is what it takes to build our Professional Community of Practice here on the Sunshine Coast:

- An interest in professional development and enhancing understanding.
- Willingness to reflect on your own professional practice.
- Challenge and question beliefs and practices.
- Support colleagues by listening, being open, positive, and respectful.
- Sharing in discussions honestly, openly and courageously.
- Maintain confidentiality.

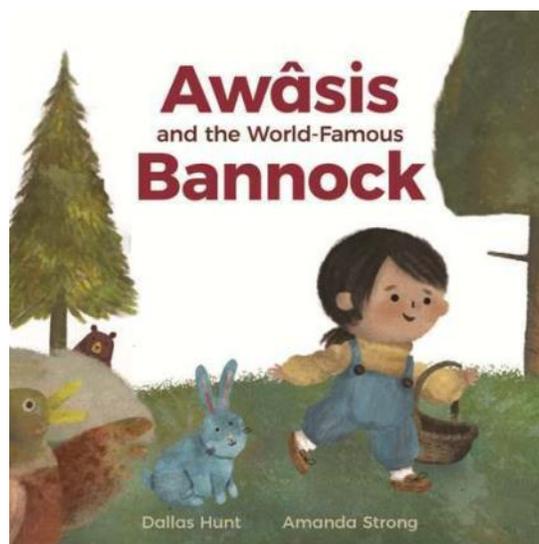
We recognize the passion and love you bring to your ECCE practice and we honour and respect your commitment to living inspired and serving children, families and your community. Please join us. We are stronger, wiser, healthier and happier together.

Outreach Report by Tamara Piekaar

In catching up with Sara McKinlay of Mem7iman Child Development Centre I learned about a project they had underway. The centre has been closed, like most others, due to Covid-19 and the staff worked on supporting the children and their families in different ways. They successfully applied for Emergency Covid-19 Funding from the Indigenous Early Learning Child Care Framework through BBACSS. The team came together to prepare activity boxes for every Friday afternoon in July and August to be delivered to 57 children.

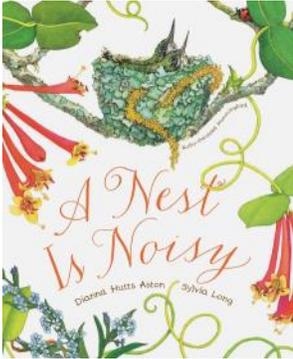
Inside the activity boxes were nutritious snacks, toys, books, games made up by teachers and even lists of jokes. For example, one box contained a book called "Awâsis and the World Famous Bannock". This story was written in both Cree and English and the team at Mem7iman translated it to she shashishalhem. As the children discovered the book and bannock supplies in the box, they could also tune into Facebook to follow along with an elder making bannock.

If you have a moment, swing by Mem7iman's Facebook page and learn how to make bannock or sing with Mem7iman staff Blake or drum with team member Joey!



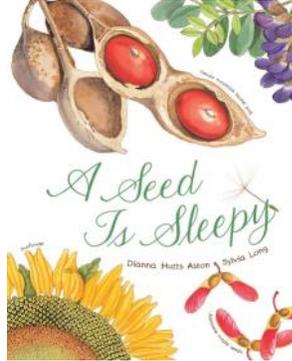
New to the CCRR Lending Library: Beautiful New Nature Series

Acclaimed childrens author, Dianna Hutts Aston, and award-winning artist, Sylvia Long, bring their talents together in this delightful nature series.



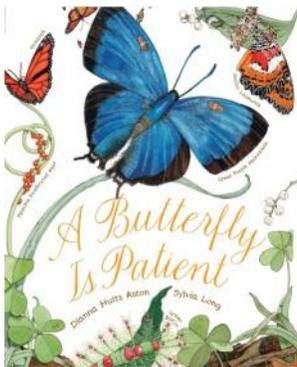
A Nest is Noisy

From tiny bee hummingbird nests to the towering nests of dusky scrubfowl, an incredible variety of nests is showcased here in brilliant splendor.



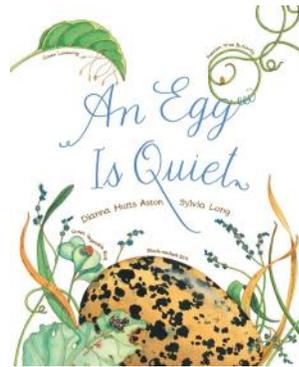
A Seed is Sleepy

Poetic in voice and elegant in design, this book introduces children to an intriguing array of seed and plant facts.



A Butterfly is Patient

This book introduces children to an astounding array of butterfly facts, making it equally at home in a classroom reading circle as it is being read to a child on a parents lap.



An Egg is Quiet

An incredible variety of eggs are celebrated in all their beauty and wonder. The evocative text is sure to inspire lively questions and observations.

Outreach and Support by Lauri Paul

Thank you for returning your membership updates and survey. We appreciate having the current information for our referral process.

We endeavor to show Family Child Care providers they are valued. We had originally planned to visit Family Child Care centres to do a special seasonal circle time, but then Covid happened. So instead we delivered to them, a story basket full of books and activities or Ukulele with a song book. These resources, represent a small token of our support for their essential work with children and families.





ECPN Updates ecpn@uwo.ca | www.ecpn.ca | [@EcpnBc](https://twitter.com/EcpnBc)

September 2020

The Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (ECPN) is thrilled to announce that we are [live](#). Check out our website for updates, information and links at <https://www.ecpn.ca> and follow us on Twitter [@EcpnBc](https://twitter.com/EcpnBc). Subscribe [here](#) for regular ECPN E-Newsletter updates and [here](#) for upcoming ECPN event notifications.

We have received an overwhelming response from our provincial, national and international ECE colleagues to our new [ECPN Conversations Series](#). These ECPN Conversations invite educators and other professionals to think with invited speakers about pedagogy and curriculum. Throughout the summer, topics have included [living pedagogies](#), [curriculum making](#) and the relationships between [pedagogical narrations](#), [pedagogy and curriculum inquiry](#). Special thanks to ECEBC and the CCRRs for their continued partnership and support in bringing these conversations to life. We also look forward to more pedagogical engagements with the BC early years community this Fall!

We are also excited to announce a newly launched ECPN pedagogist-led discussion room on the [BC Early Years Professional Development Hub](#). Starting August 26, ECPN community pedagogists Lyndsay Spencer, Vicki Mackenzie-Denis, and Veronica Maclean will be conversing on how to engage with the BC Early Learning Framework in complex pedagogical ways. In the months to come, different conversation threads will be offered by other pedagogists in the ECPN Network. Remember to create a Hub profile to join *ECPN Thinking with the BC Early Learning Framework*.

Growing the ECPN network across BC's 5 health authority regions during a pandemic has not been without its difficulties, but we remain committed to mobilizing the call for transformative change in early childhood education by providing pedagogical leadership throughout BC. We do so recognizing the myriad challenges facing the children, families and educators we work with, including the real harms produced by the [systemic racialized violences and injustices](#) that continue to plague our world. As we move forward with a dynamic new team of pedagogists, we stand with those committed to making positive change within the early childhood education community, and look forward to continuing the collaborative process of working across three pedagogist streams: [Community Stream](#); [Indigenous Stream](#); [Post-Secondary Institution Stream](#). Wishing everyone a safe and stimulating September!

In solidarity, the [ECPN team](#)
