

# Sunshine Coast Child Care and Community Connections



## Fall 2022 Newsletter

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Making mobiles at Serendipity Child Care in Madeira Park  
Photo by Nancy Carter

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## Happy Fall!

We've experienced another busy summer here on the Coast! We continue to add new members to our lending and resource library every week, and we warmly welcome all our new families. There have been times in the last few months that our library shelves were pretty bare because so many toys were borrowed! We are up to full capacity now, so come in and see what's available.

The big news for Fall is that we are hosting a conference for child care providers and anyone else in the child care sector. Traditionally, we have held such a conference here on the Coast every year since 2005. However, understandably, we have not gathered in large numbers for the last few years. Well this year we are gathering again and we are looking very forward to coming together. See page 5 for further conference details, and visit our website for registration information.

Our child care Community of Practice starts up again on October 3. We have switched things around and will be meeting on the first Monday of every month. Child care providers please contact us if you are interested. We're a fun group! More information on page 5.

Finally, just a quick note to let you know that we are offering outreach, pick-up and drop-off service to our members in Madeira Park. Nancy from our program travels to Madeira at least once a month, so please email her at [ncarter@sccss.ca](mailto:ncarter@sccss.ca) if you want to connect.

*Tracy, Amy and Nancy*



Congratulations to Esprit Daycare employee, Ebba N., and CCRR general member Trena J. These two CCRR members were the lucky winners of our Annual Client Satisfaction Survey draw. Each received a \$50 gift certificate to a local business of their choice.

Thank you all, who took the time to complete our survey. The information we receive helps to plan future resources and events.

## New to the CCRR Lending Library

We have many new and exciting additions to our library and we look forward to sharing them with you! These are just a few of the new additions we've made. Come in for a visit. Our shelves are well stocked!



Fast Flip Racetrack 15628



Sock Memory Game 15643



Sock Memory Game 15639



## CCRR Statutory Holiday Office Closures

All CCRR offices will be closed:

- **Truth and Reconciliation Day**, Friday September 30
- **Thanksgiving Day**, Monday, October 10
- **Remembrance Day**, Friday, November 11

## Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, Sechelt Family Place!



Fall Flowers in the Family Place garden  
photo: Tracy Wright

It's been three years since we officially opened the doors at Sechelt Family Place, and this time has been energetic, joyful, tumultuous, and multifaceted.

The original vision for this centre was spearheaded by Shirley French, our Family Resource Program Lead, and Catherine Bunce, the Child Care Resource and Referral manager at the time. They saw a need for a space to expand the wildly popular Parent and Tot Drop In program and bring it back to Sechelt. They also wanted an intimate, welcoming setting for the Bellies and Babies program and the Infant Development program. Catherine thought that transforming the back space of the CCRR

building at 5520 Trail Ave. to house these programs would be a marvelous fit for the CCRR. This way, families who used the toy lending library could be introduced to the family resource programs we have available, and vice versa! Our umbrella agency, Sunshine Coast Community Services, also saw the value in creating a place for families to come and learn about our agency in general.

As a result of a steadfast vision, a lot planning, do-it-yourself fence and garden building, and an indoor renovation, we opened the doors to the new Sechelt Family Place in September of 2019. Since then, we have inhabited this space to the fullest! We've had drop-ins and ukulele groups, rhyme times and cooking, large group art projects, child care provider workshops, planting and harvesting, dancing and drumming. And butterflies! And eating! We've shared many a meal within these walls. We've laughed, cried, sang, and watched tiny babies grow into three-year-olds. In a word, we've *lived*. So, happy birthday to Family Place. We love it here. 

### Community Services Family Resource Programs—New for Fall 2022!

**Prenatal Breast Feeding Group, Saturdays, Sept. 17 & 24 from 12:30pm—2:30pm**

**Gibsons Community Centre, 700 Park Road, Gibsons**

Connect with other expecting women and prepare for your breastfeeding journey in this set of 2, two-hour classes facilitated by a certified breastfeeding counsellor.

**Song, Story and Rhyme Fun! Fridays, Sept. 30 to Nov. 4 10:00am—11:30am**

**The Family Place, 5520 Trail Ave, Sechelt**

Discover the power and pleasure of rhymes, songs and stories. Our musical volunteer, Lea, will lead us through five weeks of music and rhyme. Connect with your children and spend time together singing, playing instruments.

**Early Childhood Explorations**

**The Family Place, 5520 Trail Ave, Sechelt**

Connect with your child and with other families as our facilitators guide you through a welcoming and creative program facilitated by program staff and ECPN pedagogist Janet Lacroix, who will work on a drawing project with the group. You will experience: open and creative art opportunities, play based activities, Outdoor play, circle time with songs and story telling and nutritious snacks are provided.

**For more information or to register for these programs, please contact Shirley French at 604-865-1108 or [sfrench@sccss.ca](mailto:sfrench@sccss.ca). All of these are offered at no cost.**



## Upcoming Online Workshops and Training Opportunities

### Living and Learning Together - Sunshine Coast Child Care Conference

Saturday, November 19

At the Seaside Centre in Sechelt



Featuring **Narda Nelson** presenting "Where are we now?": Re-imagining early childhood practice for more livable worlds

And **Manuela Salinas** presenting The Story of chink'u: A personal exploration where story becomes art



To register, contact the Sunshine Coast CCRR at [coastccrr@sccss.ca](mailto:coastccrr@sccss.ca) or 604-885-5657. Lunch is included. There is no fee for this event. Professional development certificates provided.

Link to [Conference Information and Registration](#)

### First Aid

We still have a few spaces left for our Emergency Child Care Re-Certification Course FREE to all Sunshine Coast child care providers.

Date: Saturday, October 1

Place: St. Hilda's Church Hall, 5838 Barnacle Street, Sechelt

Please call us to add your name to the list.

### Cultivating Caring Children

**Facilitator: Colleen Drobot**

**Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**On-line workshop. Registration required. 2 hours professional development certificates provided. Call 604-885-5657 or email [coastccrr@sccss.ca](mailto:coastccrr@sccss.ca) to register**

We all want caring and considerate children but there is much confusion about how to raise them. This presentation unravels the mystery by uncovering the developmental roots of these esteemed virtues. What may come as a surprise is the negative effect that some of our prevailing practices in parenting and education have on caring. In this presentation, Colleen will suggest how educators can best cultivate these characteristics in children.

### In-Centre Early Learning Framework Workshops

Are you interested in discussing ideas on how to incorporate BC's Early Learning Framework into your own child care program? The CCRR is offering tailored on-site workshops for all of our Sunshine Coast care providers, big and small. We will come to you—we can even visit you during a regular staff meeting. For more information, or to book your own workshop, please contact Tracy [twright@sccss.ca](mailto:twright@sccss.ca).

## **NOW HIRING** Child Care Job Postings

### **Esprit Daycare - Gibsons**

**Position:** Part-time and full-time ECE and IT, infant Toddler Program

**Qualifications:** Valid IT, ECE license, First Aid Certificate, criminal record check, references

**Application:** Please forward cover letter and resume to Jenn Braun at [sctpes@telus.net](mailto:sctpes@telus.net) or call 604-886-7739

### **RCCCS Treehouse Afterschool Care Program**

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 2:00pm-6:00pm Potential for more hours.

**Description:** Treehouse AFS is looking to hire someone who has experience caring for, and loves children, and ideally has their responsible Adult Training. RCCCS can assist with certification.

**Contact:** Message for more information [rcccs@telus.net](mailto:rcccs@telus.net)

### **YMCA Sechelt**

**Position:** ECE, IT and ECE assistant

**Qualifications:** basic ECE or ECE-A certification, special needs educator SNE an asset.

The YMCA has implemented a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy requiring all staff and volunteers to be fully vaccinated.

**Responsibilities:** Follow all YMCA, child care facility licensing (CCFL) and legal requirements, including YMCA Playing to Learn curriculum standards.

**Application to submit:** Submit your resume to [kiran.dhothar@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:kiran.dhothar@gv.ymca.ca)

### **KidZ Club Sechelt**

**Position:** Casual and part time. After school care support worker

**Job Description:** KidZ Club support worker works with staff team to supervise, support, and care for one to three children with special needs from kindergarten to grade 5. All staff must provide criminal record check, documents verifying min of 20 hours education or training and 3 references. **How to Apply:** resume and 3 references ATT: Ted hishom, [secheltcommunityschools@gmail.com](mailto:secheltcommunityschools@gmail.com). Call [604 989-5365](tel:6049895365) if you have any questions

## Sunshine Coast Child Care Community of Practice FALL 2022

It's time to start up our Community of Practice again for the Fall, with our first session on **Monday, October 3**. All child care providers on the Sunshine Coast are welcome to join, regardless of experience, education, or years in the field.

Lead by our empathetic, creative facilitator Lauri Paul, our Community of Practice meetings are engaging and supportive. In them, we have a chance to reflect on our own practice and learn about others' practices.

We will use BC's Early Learning Framework as a lens through which we can view ourselves and our work.

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 existing beliefs.
- Support colleagues by listening, being open, positive, respectful.
- Sharing in discussions honestly, openly and courageously.

Contact us at 604-885-5657 or [arobinson@sccss.ca](mailto:arobinson@sccss.ca) to register and receive the Zoom link. Each participant will receive a 1 hour professional development certificate for each session.



## Visits with Child Care Providers - Outreach Support by Nancy Carter

As the busy, yet lazy days of summer wind down, I squeeze in a visit to the Sechelt KidzClub Summer Camp. I wanted to bring something that would be inclusive and meaningful to the children. Maybe something they would reflect back on of their time together at summer camp—new friendships, new experiences, or perhaps something more personal. So I offered them wooden letter beads to build one-word bracelets that meant something to them. It turned out to be a very collaborative event as we shared our ideas, our words, and helped each other with spelling and finding that needed missing letter.

I left that afternoon reminded once again just how clever, capable and creative kids are.



**Attention Child Care Providers!** If your children have any areas of interest we can support you with, or you would like a visit and small circle time activity please contact Nancy at [ncarter@sccss.ca](mailto:ncarter@sccss.ca) or call 604-885-5657.

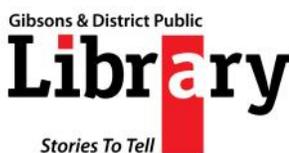


**FALL FAMILY STORY TIME** Saturdays - 10:30-11:00am.

Join Charlotte on Saturdays for a drop-in Family Storytime featuring books, songs, and play. Children's Area or outside on the front lawn, weather permitting. Recommended for families with children five and under. No registration required.

**PJ Story Time** September 21st from 3:30- 4:15pm in the Children's area.

Families are invited to bring their stuffies for a special story time. Feel free to wear your PJs. The stuffed animals will spend the night and we will have a slideshow the next day to see all the fun they had during their sleepover. If a child doesn't wish to leave a toy overnight, they can still attend for story time. Register at: 885-3260 or email to [info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca](mailto:info@sechelt.bclibrary.ca) Recommended for ages 3-7.



**Family Story Time Every Thursday starting September 8th**

New time! Join us from 10:30 – 11:00am for songs, bounces, and stories for children age 0-5 and their caregivers. Connect with your child and with families in your community. Free, drop-in program.

## Fresh Food Market at Family Place

It was another amazing year for the Fresh Food Market! Throughout the summer, the market has been set up in the Family Place parking lot on Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm. Additional funding allowed the market to remain open three weeks longer than last year, and attendance at the market was up 40 percent. It was an amazing, well-used service, and will most likely return next summer.

Chris Hergesheimer, SCCSS's Food Programmer, was always on hand to chat about healthy eating and the importance of our local food system.

Chris provides leadership in the implementation and the planning of our new food hub vision, which includes developing resources and implementing workshops, education tools and policy in the areas of food access, food knowledge and healthy eating while building the capacity of participants and volunteers.

Chris is a passionate food advocate, researcher and food sovereignty scholar. He has lived on the Coast for the past 16 years and includes ex-flour miller, active local musician, published author and community activist amongst his many experiences!



**Chris and all-star volunteer, Gretchen Hergesheimer, staffed the market all summer!**

## SD46 FALL 2022 Parenting Classes REGISTER ONLINE AT: [Register NOW! | SD46 Early Learning](#)



- Circle of Security virtually via ZOOM Wednesdays, September 28 - November 2  
9:00am - 10:00am
- Circle of Security virtually via ZOOM Wednesdays, September 28 - November 2  
8:00pm - 9:00pm
- Being Present Parenting virtually via ZOOM Tuesdays, September 27 - November 1  
1:30am - 12:30pm
- Positive Discipline In Person at the Sechelt Early Years Centre  
Tuesdays, September 27 - November 1 9:00 am - 10:30 am
- Positive Discipline In Person at the Gibsons StrongStart Centre  
Tuesdays, September 27 - November 1 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- Positive Discipline virtually via ZOOM Tuesdays, September 27th - November 1st  
8:00pm - 9:00 pm



# Creative Connections

A series of opportunities for child care, early years and school age educators to connect, create & learn together! Craft materials & dinner provided!

**Thursday, Sept. 15th**

**1:00 pm** 'Math Invitations & Workshop' with Janice Novakowski

**3:30 pm** 'Creation Zone:' Playing with Peg People

**6:00 pm** Dinner & Info Exchange

Register for the sections you can attend here:

<https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/professional-development-event-registration/>



**Save the dates for the rest of the series!**

A 3:30 pm 'Creation Session' followed by 6:00 pm Dinner & Documentation/Story Workshop Session

**Tuesday, Nov. 8th:** Story Workshop with Opals' Kerry Salazar

**Monday, Jan. 23rd:** Story Workshop with Opals' Kerry Salazar

**Monday, April 17th:** Story Workshop with Opals' Kerry Salazar

**Session Location: Early Years Centre - 5538 Shorncliffe Ave., Sechelt**

Questions: Kirsten Deasey, District Principal of Learning & Innovation:  
kdeasey@sd46.bc.ca/604-741-5787



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# PERINATAL AND INFANT LOSS WALK



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**10:30 am - 1:00 pm**

The walk starts at Davis Bay Pier and finishes at Mission Point where we will share food, memories, kindness and support - everyone is welcome!

