

# Sunshine Coast Child Care and Community Connections



Photo credit: Sarah Stenzel

Coaching Caregivers workshop in Sechelt—details on p. 7.



## Fall 2023

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## Happy Fall!

It's a busy time of year! So many things are happening as new programs, classes and courses start up. It is definitely a time of year to try something new. As always, the CCRR has many learning opportunities for parents and care providers. There are still spaces left for our Raising Kids in a Digital World on October 18 via Zoom—more information on p. 10. Call us for a spot. We also are hosting a day of learning for all child care providers on November 18, at the **Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens**. It's the first time we've ever hosted training in this venue and we are excited to learn in such beautiful surroundings. See details about this event on page 4.

Our big news is that after having our second outreach position posted for so long, we've finally filled the position! We are excited to welcome Lisa Grisewood to our team—see her introduction below. Lisa will be reaching out to all of our child care programs in the next few weeks. Lisa joins us as we continue to offer excellent outreach and support for both families and child care providers.

### SAVE THE DATE!



Finally, we are hosting a child care leadership forum on the morning of **Saturday, December 2** at the Mission House in Davis Bay! All those who are currently in leadership/management positions or those who are curious about leadership in child care are welcome. At this event we will also celebrate the season with a catered brunch and child care appreciation gifts. More information about this event coming soon!

*Tracy, Nancy, Michal and Lisa*

## Welcome Lisa! Our new Child Care Outreach and Program Support Worker



Hi everyone, I am so delighted to be part of the teams at CCRR and Family Resources! My background is primarily working in Licensed Family and In-Home Multi-age Child Care in Gibsons and Creston, BC for many years. I've also worked in Group Centres for 3-5 year olds and Infant/Toddler in the past and I'm really looking forward to working with you all in my new roles as Program/Outreach Support Worker at CCRR and Family Resource Worker at Bellies and Babies and Parent-Tot Drop In Programs! So excited to connect with you all and explore together soon!

## CCRR Fall Closures

All CCRR offices will be closed for the following days:

- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:** Monday, October 2
- **Thanksgiving:** Monday, October 9
- **Remembrance Day:** Monday, November 13

[Here's a link to our regular hours.](#)

## Building Castles-Gnome Village Beach Day

By Nancy Carter, CCRR Outreach and Support



The sun is shining, as we put on our hats and sunscreen and head for the seaside. What better place to play than by a creek at the beach! The Gnomes from Gnome Village are very familiar with this magical place and very happy to share it with me as I join them for the adventure. Eagles soar overhead as we lift, pull and roll boulders to where we want them, creating our stone castle. Sticks and boards salvaged on the beach become bridges and seaweed turned into a flag. We use logs as balance beams, and leap from rock to rock strengthening our skills and our confidence! We round out our morning by picking fresh blackberries by the sea and feasting on delicious homemade muffins. I wonder what their imaginations will conjure up next time they visit this very special place.

## Kids Equipment at the Lending Library



Before you purchase larger equipment for the children in your lives, be sure to check in with us to see if we have appropriate items for borrowing. Larger items such as these exersaucers and bouncers as shown can be borrowed for up to three months at a time. Contact us for more information or to request an item.

## NOTICE TO CCRR LENDING LIBRARY SUBSCRIBERS

The CCRR lending library is growing and borrowing is steadily rising. We enjoy the many visitors to our library and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Due to increased usage, we are limiting our borrowers to five items each—not including books and puzzles.

**Please note that CCRR staff count and disinfect all items before they are returned to the shelves. To help us maintain the high quality of our resources we ask all borrowers to ensure all items are returned clean and with all the pieces intact.**

Please inspect your items upon borrowing and let us know if there are any missing or damaged parts.



## Upcoming CCRR Workshops

To register, contact the CCRR at 604-885-5657 or [coastccrr@sccss.ca](mailto:coastccrr@sccss.ca)

### Weaving Workshop at The Gathering Place in Sechelt

**Saturday, October 14, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Includes catered lunch**



[The Gathering Place](#) is a storefront in Downtown Sechelt led by Jessica Silvey and Red Cedar Woman Weaving. Through this space, workshops are offered to our communities, creating encounters between indigenous and settler residents and visitors. Since the doors of The Gathering Place opened in 2021, people have been showing up to this space to learn from each other, to weave, and to share their stories.

The CCRR is hosting a weaving/story session for child care providers at The Gathering Place in Sechelt on **Saturday, October 14, 2023**. Jessica will guide us in the weaving process and share some of her experiences. **Please contact us if you would like to reserve a spot in this workshop.**

### A Taste of Materials Revisited

#### A Day of Learning and Connection at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens

**Saturday, November 18, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**Includes catered lunch**



Photo credit: Janet Lacroix

Join us for a day of exploration and documentation as we take a deeper dive into what it means to engage with art materials. In keeping with all of your requests for discussion-based, collective, hands-on learning experiences, this workshop will begin with a presentation about how materials and environment can be viewed as the “third teacher”, and how thoughtful engagement with materials can

be so much more than “making art”. We will engage with several forms of art supplies: charcoal, chalk, watercolour, clay, wire, pencil, marker and pastel. We will have a chance to document our process with photography and reflect on our experience.



This will be a day of fun, connection and discovery, including a catered lunch, and a stroll/tour around the Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens.

## Early Childhood Pedagogy Network

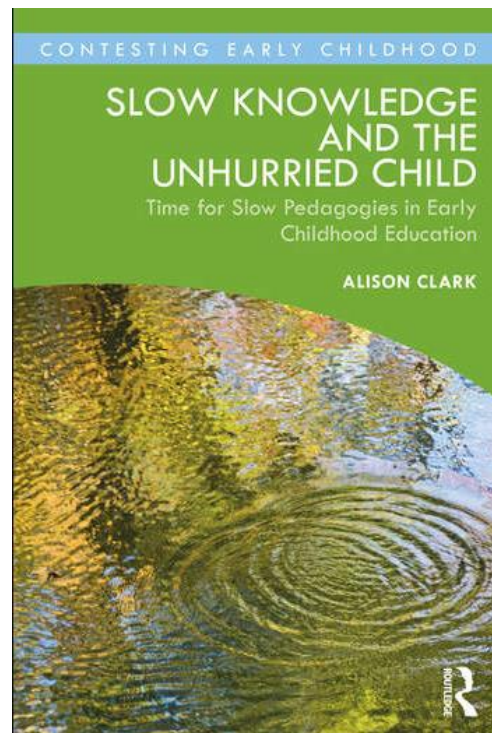
by Janet Lacroix

Join ECPN Pedagogist Janet Lacroix for a series of Early Childhood Pedagogist Program Gatherings to engage in a collaborative reading of Alison Clark's *Slow Knowledge and the Unhurried Child*. In this interactive eight-part series, we will think with Clark's work as a catalyst to exploring together how daily practices of slowing down can support paying attention differently to relationships with time.

Meeting locations will take place in Gibsons at The Arts Building, 464 South Fletcher Road, and in Sechelt at The Family Place CCRR office, 5520 Trail Avenue. Meeting times at both locations will be from 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm. A light meal will be provided, and professional development hours are available.

- Gibsons dates are Wednesdays, October 11, December 13, February 14, April 10, and June 12.
- Sechelt dates are Thursdays, January 18, March 21, and May 16.

For more information or to register, please email [jlacro@uwo.ca](mailto:jlacro@uwo.ca)



## New Camera Kit for Child Care Programs

Are you interested in engaging in photography projects with children? We have just purchased a set of six digital children's cameras. These are available for any child care programs to borrow. These cameras are not connected to the internet, so your projects stay in your centre! Photos/video can be uploaded via standard USB cable.

You can book the set of cameras by contacting Tracy at [twright@sccss.ca](mailto:twright@sccss.ca)

## Are you Providing Child Care in Your Home?

**Why not become a Registered Licensed-Not-Required Child Care Provider?**

### Benefits of Registration Include:

Consultation and support, resources to enhance quality programming, access to free professional development and networking.

### For more information contact:

**Sunshine Coast Childcare Resource and Referral Program**

**604-885-5657** [coastccrr@sccss.ca](mailto:coastccrr@sccss.ca)

# **NOW HIRING** Child Care Job Postings

## **YMCA Programs in Gibsons and Sechelt**

- Infant/Toddler Educator, IT License Required (3 positions available)  
Sechelt YMCA Child Care, Permanent, Full-Time (35-40 hours/week)
- Early Childhood Educator (2 positions available)  
Sechelt YMCA Child Care, Full-time, Permanent (35-40 hours per week)
- Early Childhood Educator  
Sechelt YMCA Child Care Centre, Permanent, Part-Time (Up to 24 hours per week)
- Early Childhood Educator  
Gibsons YMCA Child Care Centre, Full-time, Permanent (35-40 hours per week)

For more information visit the YMCA's [Early Years Child Care Opportunities page](#).

## **Mem7iman Child Development Centre**

Is looking to fill 3 positions: ECE, ECEA required. Please visit [www.mem7iman.ca](http://www.mem7iman.ca) in the career section to view the full job descriptions and to apply. If you have any questions you can email the HR department at [jobs@shishalh.com](mailto:jobs@shishalh.com)

## **Serendipity Child Care Development Centre**

Our fun and agile child led learning centre located in Madeira Park is hiring! If you are an ECE or an ECEA seeking full time or part time employment we would love to connect with you. This is a great opportunity to be part of a community and team that makes meaningful connections with the children and families.

Location: Madeira Park, BC. Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:00pm, flexible for full time or part time, competitive wages contingent on experience

Perks: We offer paid continuous learning opportunities for our staff that are in alignment with the BC Child Care Early Learning framework, team building and leadership development classes and outings! Extended health benefits for full time employees, vacation time.

Must bring a positive attitude, have your valid first aid, excellent references and will be subject to a criminal record check. Please share your resume with [managerserendipity@gmail.com](mailto:managerserendipity@gmail.com)

## **LeJardin de Basile**

LeJardin de Basile family child care is looking for an ECEA either full time or part time. Please email your resume to [lejardindebasile@gmail.com](mailto:lejardindebasile@gmail.com).

## **Les Petits du Pacifique Childcare Center**

Is looking for an *ON CALL* qualified ECE, ECEA or Responsible Adult  
Please send contact information to [renee\\_lachance@csf.bc.ca](mailto:renee_lachance@csf.bc.ca)  
French speaking an asset but not required.

## Aansaambaenkiskayhtaamuk - Learning Together

### Métis Early Years Learning Resources for Educators



The CCRR has received two cultural resource kits from the Métis Nation Government of British Columbia. These wonderful kits include a wealth of resources that align with Métis values as well as BC's Early Learning Framework and Canada's Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework.

From MNBC: We are pleased to introduce "Aansaambaenkiskayhtaamuk - Learning Together" (Heritage Michif, translated by Norman Fleury). This learning guide and the accompanying resources are intended to support both Métis and non-Métis early learning and child care professionals to integrate Métis content and pedagogy into their work with young children. Our intent is to promote learning environments in which Métis culture is recognized and celebrated.



Here's a photo of a Métis resource kit. These are available for all child care programs to borrow and incorporate. MNBC also plans to offer workshops to support learning with these kits.

Contact us if you are interested in borrowing these kits or want more information Métis learning opportunities.

## Coaching Caregivers Workshop

On the weekend of August 12/13 we gathered at the Seaside Centre to learn with celebrated speaker Kim Barthel as she led a fascinating workshop about developing our coaching skills with others in order to work with children and families. We talked about our practices from an emotions-based and relationship-based approach.

Kim is a much-loved teacher and speaker who connects ideas and people in the service of supporting resiliency and health world-wide. Graced with a unique breadth of knowledge and experience related to many forms of therapy and learning, she is a genuine bridge between disciplines, across cultures and most importantly, in the interior landscape.

Many thanks to Sarah Stenzel at Sunshine Coast Community Services for creating this opportunity!



Kim Barthel and friends gathered outside the Seaside Centre in Sechelt. Photo credit: Sarah Stenzel



# **YMCA Child Care Hiring Fair**

**Wednesday, October 18th, 5:30pm-7:00pm**

**Location: École du Pacifique, 5538 Shorncliffe Avenue, Sechelt**

**If you are interested in a career in Early Childhood Education at the YMCA please stop by! Attendees will have the opportunity to meet our team, learn about the Y's Child Care Programs, and participate in on-site interview. There will be child minding available for those who require the services.**

**[gv.ymca.ca](http://gv.ymca.ca)**



BELLIES & BABIES | PARENT-TOT DROP-IN PROGRAMS

# FALL SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE FROM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

LOCATION	GIBSONS	SECHLT
ADDRESS	<b>COMMUNITY CENTRE</b> 700 Park Road	<b>FAMILY PLACE</b> 5520 Trail Ave
MONDAY	Bellies & Babies 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Parent-Tot Drop-In 9:30 am - 11:30 am
TUESDAY		Bellies & Babies 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Parent-Tot Drop-In 9:30-11:30 am	Parent-Tot Drop-In 9:30 am - 11:30 am
THURSDAY	Parent-Tot Drop-In 9:30 am - 11:30 am <i>After Drop-In closes at 11:30 am, space will remain open until 1:30 pm for additional support and connection.</i>	<b>UPPER COAST BELLIES &amp; TOTS</b>  Tuesday, September 26 Tuesday, October 24 Tuesday, November 21 Tuesday, December 12  11:00 am - 1:00 pm  Pender Harbour Community Hall 12905 Maderia Park Rd, Maderia Park
FRIDAY	Parent-Tot Drop-In 9:30 am - 11:30 am	
SATURDAY	Parent-Tot Drop-In 9:30 am - 11:30 am	

For more info, contact Shirley 604-865-1108 or email: [sfrench@sccss.ca](mailto:sfrench@sccss.ca)



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# Raising Kids in a **DIGITAL WORLD**

**JOIN US FOR THIS LIVELY ONLINE  
PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

This workshop is suitable for parents,  
caregivers & child care providers



The digital world is here to stay, significantly impacting our society and children. Raising kids in this evolving landscape requires understanding the consequences, managing technology's influence, and ensuring healthy development.

## Online Zoom presentation by Deborah MacNamara, PhD

Deborah is a dynamic teacher and experienced counsellor who makes developmental science come to life in the everyday context of home and classroom. She also provides counselling services to parents and professionals to make sense of learning, behavioural, and developmental issues in kids – from babies to teens.



Registration required.  
Email [sfrench@sccss.ca](mailto:sfrench@sccss.ca) or call  
604-865-1108 for more information.



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