

# Sunshine Coast Child Care and Community Connections



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## Spring greetings!

Happy spring to all care providers and CCRR members! And as always, welcome to those of you who are new! There's lots of promise in the air for outdoor activities and events that allow us to gather in a meaningful way. We're really looking forward to "getting out there" again and being in our community.

The CCRR is once again hosting an Early Childhood Educator information evening. This event is appropriate for those who are interested in pursuing a career in child care and wish to become certified Early Childhood Educators. More information about this event and registration details are on page 6. If anyone you know is interested in the child care field, send them our way!

For the spring season, we are taking a break from online learning and workshops and providing a couple of in-person opportunities for care providers. In May we are hosting our Nature and Nurture 2022 event (see below) and in early July, we are presenting a "Loose Parts Beach Explorations" workshop (see page 6 for details).

Finally the CCRR program will be saying good bye to our outreach worker Elspeth who will be leaving us at the end of the month. Our thanks to Elspeth for being such a great part of the CCRR team! With that being said, the CCRR will be hiring a new outreach and program support worker. See page 8 for details on how to apply.

Take care everyone, and enjoy yourselves!

*Tracy, Nancy, and Amy*

## May is Child Care Month!

After a year of complexities and uncertainty in the child care sector, we'd love to get together with our Sunshine Coast child care providers and celebrate all that is YOU!

To do this, we will be hosting a **Nature and Nurture 2022** event.

Please join us for a planting workshop where each participant will create a beautiful planter full of annual flowers. We will also investigate the BC Early Learning Framework and how planting can be included in our Living Enquiries in our centres.

**Saturday, May 28, 2022**

**Sechelt CCRR office at 5520 Trail Ave. Sechelt**

**Lunch included!**

**2 hour professional development certificates available**

No need to bring anything! We will supply the flowers, soil and pots. We will also provide lunch to all participants.

**Registration is required** for this workshop so we know how many supplies to bring. Please email us at [coastccrr@scss.ca](mailto:coastccrr@scss.ca) or call 604-885-5657 to register.



## CCRR Spring Closures

All CCRR offices will be closed for the following days:

- **Easter long weekend:** Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18
- **Agency wide staff event:** Tuesday, May 10
- **Victoria Day:** Monday, May 23

## Using Our Code of Ethics to Navigate Uncertainty

Marc Lalonde

From: **The Early Childhood Educator:**

**The Journal of Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia**

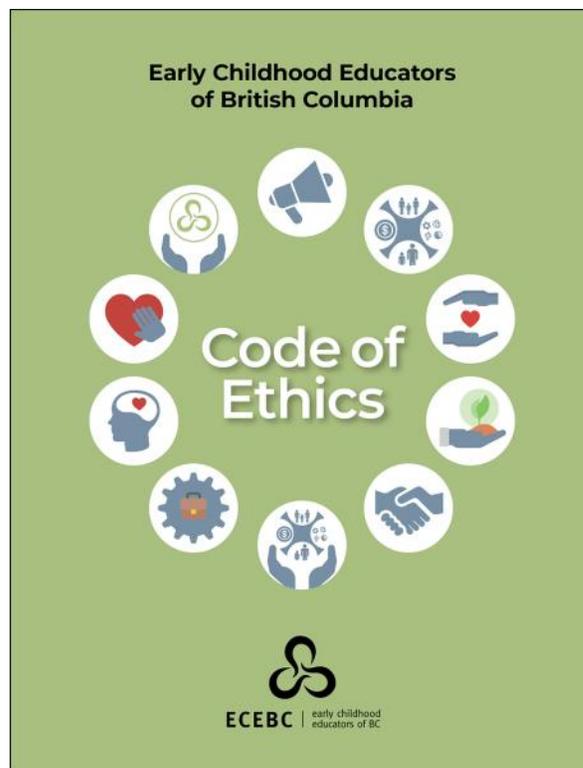
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For the last two years we have lived through the most turbulent time in living memory. We have been stressed far too long and we are not over it yet. It's like running a grueling marathon and the finish line keeps being moved farther and farther away. This year also saw the release of ECEBC's revised and updated Code of Ethics. I thought this is a good time to see how our Code of Ethics can be used to guide us through this difficult period. What struck me while reviewing our Code of Ethics is the importance of caring for ourselves, reflecting on our own biases, and being effective communicators.

Principle 8 reinforces our responsibility for self-care: "We prioritize our personal health and well-being." This means we do not go it alone. This is not the time to "just get it done." We need to talk with others to network; generate ideas; gain feedback; and receive some well-deserved and much-needed support. As early childhood educators we tend to focus on caring for others. We are caregivers by nature, which means we tend to place the needs of others over our own. Unfortunately, when we expend most of our energy charging others people's batteries, we deplete our own. We have a professional responsibility to make sure we charge up our stores of energy so we can be there to care for others. If you do not have a self-care plan, this is the time you need to develop one. Everyone needs to follow through with a self-care plan during this turbulent time. During this highly stressful time we really do need to practice Principle 8 and self-care. We have a duty to make the time to care for ourselves and get the support we deserve. Self-care can help us find ways to be emotionally regulated during these highly stressful times. We need to keep our cool while the water is boiling around us. How else can we manage the unimagined?

COVID-19, and whatever may happen next, requires us to self-regulate. As with children, we need to balance our emotional reactions and immediate impulses to act. As adults, we need to take the next step by focusing on the core problem while zooming out to consider interdependent components and patterns. This means resisting quick "solutions," which are usually conclusions based on our biases. Our Code of Ethics guides us to reflect on our own beliefs, assumptions, and biases. How does your perspective on COVID-19 impact your practice? Times like this highlight how frustrated people can be with others who have opposing views. It is our duty to be aware of our biases and how they impact our work and how we relate to others. It may seem silly for people to choose to take a medication designed to deworm horses over a scientifically researched vaccine; but it does clearly demonstrate how beliefs (no matter how strange they may seem) impact decisions. The lesson here is for us to truly reflect on our own beliefs and biases and to take the time to consider other perspectives and potentials.

In this strange time, we need to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. There is very little status quo at this time. Recognize that COVID-19 is a complex problem that has many interdependent elements that change in unpredictable ways and there are many unknown factors. Any action or change can



result in unforeseen outcomes. In these uncertain times, we need to accept the discomfort of not knowing. Right now, uncertainty is the new normal.

Another thing that's helpful to keep in mind is that great gains often come from uncomfortable experiences. It is times like this where new insights bubble to the surface. We also need to let go of perfectionism and realize there are many things we do not know and we will make mistakes. How we learn and adjust to them will make the difference in the long run. We know children learn from their mistakes and we are very supportive of this. This same wisdom needs to be applied to our own work by treating mistakes as learning opportunities. I believe most mistakes are really just experiments. Initial attempts are goal-directed trials followed with analysis, problem solving, and making adjustments.

There are too many variables at work here that we simply cannot control. We need to do our best to be effective in what we can manage and let go of things we cannot control. I have found that the Serenity Prayer is a mantra that helps regulate in these irregular times. It is hard to keep your balance when you're treading across a balance beam in a wind storm, but this is what we are faced with.

Principle 1 directs us to promote the health and well-being of all children. This can be straightforward if all families are vaccinated and everyone agrees with wearing masks. What about serving families who choose not to be vaccinated and are reluctant to masking? Another issue can arise when a child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms. Principles 4 and 6 state we need to work in partnership with families in ways that affirm their dignity and respect their rights. Principle 4 directs us to use effective communication, to share views and remain open and honest while listening to families.

We do not have to agree with opposing views, but we can listen respectfully and still maintain our requirements under Principle 1. This can mean having difficult conversations. Listening with an open heart while maintaining health and safety standards is difficult at the best of times. The good news is we are ECEs and we have a long, proud history of adapting—mostly due to a lack of stable and adequate funding. We finally have both a federal and a provincial government who are committed to child care. There are resources to draw on and more are on the way. Right now, however, we need to focus on what we can control:

- Take the time for self-care.
- Reflect on our beliefs, biases, and perspectives.
- Take the time to gather information and think through decisions.
- Realize mistakes will happen and use them as learning opportunities.
- Respect other views by being open and honest in our communications while maintaining health and safety standards.

*Marc Lalonde is a retired ECE with 40 years of experience, where he spent over 25 years in leadership roles. Many thanks to ECEBC for permission to reprint this article.*

## NOTICE

The Sechelt CCRR office will discontinue offering Saturday hours as of April 1, 2022. We thank you for your support and look forward to serving you during our regular weekday business hours. Don't forget, we offer the following evening hours to accommodate you:

Gibsons office: Monday evenings from 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

Sechelt office: Thursday evenings from 3:00 to 7:00 pm.



## CCRR Outreach and Support: A Visit to Pender Harbour

Nancy Carter, CCRR Outreach and Support.

I have the pleasure of visiting Bellies/Babies & Tots once a month in Garden Bay. The Sarah Wray Hall is vintage, quaint, charming and exudes community. There are babies rolling happily on gorgeous hand sewn quilts strewn across the floor, toddlers running and exploring, parents casually sharing experiences, information and funny stories and enjoying a delicious hot meal prepared with love.

I can't help reflecting as an educator how relevant this is to the teachings of BC's Early Learning Framework and how we honor families as their children's first teachers. The ELF explores four living inquiries:

- Well-being and belonging
- Engagement with others, materials and the world
- Communication and literacies
- Identities, social responsibility, and diversity.

At the Sarah Wray Hall Bellies and Babies program we honor these inquiries.



As always any care providers can call me at 604-885-5657 or email me at [ncarter@sccss.ca](mailto:ncarter@sccss.ca) to book a visit.

## Spring at the Lending Library

We have some amazing activity boxes to welcome spring and outdoor time! Call should you wish to reserve any of these.

Great Gardens theme box #10603

Sand toys activity box # 15522

Bugs theme box #14433

Bugs hand puppets



## 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.

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)

### Early Childhood Educator Information Evening

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**Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

**Sunshine Coast Arts Centre**

**5714 Medusa St, Sechelt**

**Snacks and refreshments provided.**

Child Care Providers interested in options for their staff are welcome to attend.

1.5 Hour pro-d certificates are available.



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### Loose Parts Beach Exploration and Networking Lunch

**Saturday, July 9, 2022, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**LOCATION: Meet at the Sechelt CCRR office.**

**2 hour professional development certificates provided**

Come out and join us for a lovely morning at the beach! We will be going on a natural material loose parts scavenger hunt, setting up invitations inspired by the materials collected, documenting the process of learning that unfolds as participants explore each other's invitations and discussing our wonderings. Please call or email us to register.

## ECPN Sunshine Coast Pedagogist News

by Janet Lacroix, ECPN Pedagogist

In the programs where I work as pedagogist, the educators, children, families and I have been [drawing together](#) since November. We have explored different ways of drawing upon large sheets of black or white paper with chalk pastel, white chalk, chalk of different colours and sizes, graphite pencil, and charcoal. We have also been returning to our collaborative drawings wherein new marks, ideas and stories are added and opportunities for us to (re)notice and linger with our collective imaginings are created.

*“Materials live in the world in multiple ways. They can evoke memories, narrate stories, invite actions, and communicate meanings. Materials and objects create meeting places. In early childhood education we gather around things to investigate, negotiate, converse, and share. Materials – a block of clay, pots of paint, a brush, a colourful wire, a translucent sheet of paper, a rectangular block – beckon and draw us in. Materials are not immutable, passive, or lifeless until the moment we do something to them; they participate in our early childhood projects. They live, speak, gesture, and call to us.” - Sylvia Kind*

I'm also excited to share with you Issue #4 of *The Here & Now: Reimagining Childhoods in Urgent Times*, ECPN's newsletter, can be found on our website [here](#). This issue includes a link to a current [vlog post](#) created collaboratively by a team of ECPN's community pedagogists, including myself and five of my colleagues. I hope you enjoy it! If you have any questions about my work as a pedagogist in the Sunshine Coast community, I would love to hear from you. My email address is [jlacro@uwo.ca](mailto:jlacro@uwo.ca).

Sylvia Kind quote from [Material Encounters](#), International Journal of Child, Youth and Family Studies (2014): 5(4.2) 865–877



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### Upcoming Family Place Workshops

To register contact: [sfrench@scss.ca](mailto:sfrench@scss.ca) or call 604-865-1108

#### Early Childhood Explorations

Connect with your child and with other families as our facilitators guide you through a welcoming and creative program facilitated by program staff and ECE pedagogist Janet Lacroix, who will work on an art project with the group.

WHO: Parents and caregivers with children 2 1/2-5 years WHERE: Family Place 5520 Trail Ave,

WHEN: Thursdays, April 7-June 23, 2022 TIME: 12:30-2:30pm COST: FREE

#### Rhyme and Story Class

An opportunity to connect with your child and other families through story rhyme and songs.

WHO: Parents and caregivers with children ages: 0 - 6 years

WHEN: Fridays, May 20-June 24, 2022 , 2022 TIME: 10:00-11:30am COST: FREE

WHERE: Family Place, 5520 Trail Ave, Sechelt

**WE'RE HIRING!****Program and Outreach Support, Child Care Resource & Referral**

Are you ECE or ECEA certified? Do you have equivalent qualifications and experience? The CCRR is looking for an addition to our friendly, creative team. Our Program and Outreach Support Workers create a welcoming environment and support the day-to-day operations of the Child Care Resources and Referral (CCRR) program. We provide service at both our Sechelt and Gibsons offices, as well as meet with clients in their own homes or centres. Our program and outreach staff know about child care needs and issues on the Sunshine Coast along with available community resources. They also have a good working knowledge of Provincial, and Federal legislation and regulations as relevant to the sector. Finally, they have a good working knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite of programs, and have some administrative experience. Here's a link to the [full posting and job description](#).

**Little Scholars Child Care**

**Position:** Full time ECE at Little Scholars 3-5years program, for 40 hours per week. Part-time also available. **Responsibilities:**

- creating age-appropriate in door and out door activities and games
- Maintain children's records.
- Foster a classroom environment of safety and respect
- Perform daily cleaning routines to keep facilities sanitary and safe
- Serve snacks and meals throughout the day
- Keep parents and families updated on their students' daily activities and progress

**Requirements:** an ECE License to practice with a love of working with children.

**How to apply:** Send a cover letter and resume to [sherri@secheltdaycare.com](mailto:sherri@secheltdaycare.com) with the subject line "Childcare Teacher Application" or phone 604 740-1969

**Esprit Daycare - Gibsons**

**Position:** Infant toddler Educator

Esprit Day Care is looking for Full time/Part time, Infant toddler Educator to join our dedicated team. The right candidates should be fun, energetic, dependable, organized and team orientated. Come work in our lively, well-established, and respected community non-profit childcare centre. **Benefits include:**

Competitive wages, Government WE in addition to wages.

Two weeks paid vacation plus paid two week winter closure

2-3 weeks Paid sick days, Extended health and dental (50% of shared cost)

Paid professional development, additional educational funding available

Reimbursement of ECEBC Membership fees

Relocation assistance available, childcare potentially available

**Qualifications:**

Valid IT/ECE license to practice in B.C.

Valid First Aid Certificate, Criminal record check, Records of immunization

**Application:** Minimum 3 references

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



## Child Care Administration Corner

### Early Childhood Educator Registry Update

The Early Childhood Education registry has launched a new website as of February 2022. The site features a new look and provides visitors with clear, easy to access information about the Provincial requirements for ECE and ECE Assistant Certification.

Application packages and forms have also been updated to clarify existing requirements.

**Effective February 17, 2022** The new application packages will replace the current forms on their website. If you are in the process of filling out an application, the ECE registry will continue to receive applications that have been completed until May 1, 2022. After that date, applicants must apply using the new forms. For more information visit:

[Become an Early Childhood Educator \(ECE\) - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/ece/)

### Ministry of Education Transition

**Its official:** The Province has announced that accountability for child care will move to the Ministry of Education as of April 2022. This move reflects what we have heard from the child care sector as necessary to support the learning and development journey of children, and marks another step in the Provinces ChildCareBC Plan, to build a system of child care that is a core service -one that is affordable, reliable and available when parents need it.



There will be no change to child care operators as a result of this organizational transition. We will continue to commitment to ongoing First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, and the education and child care sectors on how child care can integrate into a broader learning environment .To learn more about how you can get involved in upcoming engagements: Please visit [Early Learning and Child Care Engagement - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/early-learning/)

### Off Coast and Online Training Opportunities

**Responsible Adult Course** Tri-Cities CCRR, Via Zoom

Apr 6, 2022 - May 11, 2022, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Registration Fee \$50

[Register here](#)

### 2022 ECEBC Online conference May 13th and May 14th

**“In Dialogue with vision and Voices”**

This years 2 day virtual conference will feature a number of keynote speakers, panel discussions a your choice of workshops during our breakout sessions. View the schedule, workshop options and further details [HERE](#)

### BCACCS Conference “New Beginnings”

**Spring Online conference April 9, 2022 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Each year we offer workshops that encourage early childhood educators and support staff to share knowledge, skills, and stories that will help them design and deliver programs and services immersed in our cultures. Our conference is focused on indigenous ways of knowing and being, but registration is open to all people working in the field of early learning and childcare.

[Register now](#)



SD 46 pleased to announce the opening of:  
**Just B4 Childhood Education Child Care Program**

This program is specifically designed for 4-year-old children to attend 'Just B4' Kindergarten, This program provides an opportunity to strengthen early years to kindergarten transitions for young children and their families. Just B4 utilizes the StrongStart BC space in the afternoon, with the same StrongStart Educator who leads the StrongStart BC program in the morning.

- Parents pre-register for the Just B4 afternoon program and choose the days of the week they would like their children to attend.
- Just B4 is a licensed pre-school program and therefore parents do not need to attend This program is offered for \$10 a day. Families may qualify for child care subsidies through the Ministry of Children & Family Development.

This program is the third of its kind to open in the province and is intended to pilot a promising practice for strengthening early years to kindergarten transitions. Interested families can contact the Early Years registration desk at [rwatson@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:rwatson@sd46.bc.ca) to express interest and request the registration package. Any questions can be sent to **Kirsten Deasey, District Principal of Learning & Innovation** at [kdeasey@sd46.bc.ca](mailto:kdeasey@sd46.bc.ca).

## Stepping into Kindergarten Health Event Spring 2022

**Do you have a child entering Kindergarten this September?**  
 The Sunshine Coast Public Health team welcomes families of all children entering Kindergarten in to call and book an appointment for immunization boosters and catch up, hearing and dental screening.



**To book an appointment in Sechelt  
 please call the Sechelt Health Unit  
 604-885-5164**

**Sechelt Clinic Location:  
 Sechelt Early Years Centre at 5538  
 Shorncliffe Ave**

**Tuesday June 14th: 9am-12pm & 1-3:30pm  
 Wednesday June 15th: 9am-12pm  
 Thursday June 16th: 9am-12pm & 1-3:30pm**

**To book and appointment in Gibsons  
 please call the Gibsons Health Unit  
 604-984-5070**

**Gibsons Clinic Location:  
 Gibsons Health Unit at 821 Gibsons Way**

**Tuesday May 3rd : 9am-12pm & 1-3:30pm  
 Thursday May 5th : 9am-12pm & 1-3:30pm**

## Are you Providing Child Care in Your Home?

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

**Benefits of Registration Include:**

Support, Resources to enhance quality programming  
 Information, Higher rates of Child Care Subsidy for families who qualify

**For more information contact:**

**Sunshine Coast Childcare Resource and Referral Program  
 604-885-5657 [coastccrr@sccss.ca](mailto:coastccrr@sccss.ca)**



# SPRING SCHEDULE

| LOCATION  | GIBSONS   | SECHELT   |
|-----------|---|---|
| ADDRESS   | COMMUNITY CENTRE<br>700 Park Road                           | FAMILY PLACE<br>5520 Trail Avenue   |
| MONDAY    | Bellies & Babies<br>11 am - 1 pm                            |   |
| TUESDAY   |   | Bellies & Babies<br>11 am - 1 pm  |
| WEDNESDAY | Parent-Tot Drop-In*<br>9:30 am - 11:30 am<br>at Dougal Park | Parent-Tot Drop-In<br>9:30 am - 11:30 am  |
| THURSDAY  | Parent-Tot Drop-In<br>9:30 am - 11:30 am                    | Early Childhood Explorations<br>12:30 - 2:30 pm   |
| FRIDAY    | Parent-Tot Drop-In<br>9:30 am - 11:30 am                    | <b>UPPER COAST BELLIES &amp; TOTS</b><br><b>SELECT FRIDAYS</b><br>April 8 and 22, May 6 and 20,<br>June 3 and 17.<br>at Sarah Wray Hall, 4334 Irvines<br>Landing Rd, Garden Bay |
| SATURDAY  | Parent-Tot Drop-In<br>9:30 am - 11:30 am                    |   |



For more information, contact Shirley 604-865-1108 or email: [sfrench@sccss.ca](mailto:sfrench@sccss.ca)  
 For updates, follow us on Facebook at **Bellies and Babies/Parent Tot Drop In (Sunshine Coast, BC)**



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rewarding career working  
with young children?

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Snacks and  
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1.5 hr Pro-D  
certificates  
available.

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 4 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Sunshine Coast Arts Centre,  
5714 Medusa St, Sechelt

**COST:** This event is FREE to attend.  
Registration is required.

*Child Care Providers interested in options for their staff are welcome to attend.*



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To register contact CCRR 604-885-5657 OR [coastccrr@sccss.ca](mailto:coastccrr@sccss.ca)