

YMCA CCRR Workshops

Bully Prevention: Their Making, Unmaking & Protection: Feb 5th & Feb 19th, 7-9PM, Coquitlam CCRR, \$20.

Networking: Community Panel Q & A: Feb 12th, 6:30-8PM, Coquitlam CCRR, **FREE!**

LISA MURPHY ON... BEING CHILD CENTERED!: March 1st, 9:30-11:30AM, Online Via Teams, \$5.

Authentic Indigenous Solidarity: A Holistic Approach for ECE: March 15th, 9AM-3PM, Inn at the Quay, **\$5 - LUNCH PROVIDED!**

Visit myymca.ca to register!

YMCA CCRR Event Photos



Did you get photographed at one of our events? Check out our social media to see if you were featured!

YMCA CCRR Program News

Love is in the air! Beyond the pink frosting and glittery hearts, this month offers a wonderful opportunity for learning, growth, and connection. It's a chance to delve into our emotions, enhance social skills, and strengthen our relationships. We will especially embrace that this month at our 2025 YMCA CCRR Early Learning & Child Care Conference. This popular event sold out within days, and we eagerly anticipate connecting with our attendees. If you'll be there and need information about the day, please refer to the conference brochure [here](#).



Have you had the chance to complete our 2024/2025 program evaluation survey? It will take about five minutes of your time, and all submissions received by February 23rd will be entered to win two FREE workshops! We would greatly appreciate your feedback and insights about our YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral program!



Exciting news! We have just expanded our selection of self-paced, free workshops on the Y Ignite platform by launching a new professional development opportunity – Exploring Outdoor Early Learning! To enroll in this course and explore all our other offerings, please visit this [link](#).

YMCA CCRR Program Features

In case you haven't heard, CCRR programs across the province can now assist in promoting early learning job openings on EYPD. Are you a child care provider with a job opportunity you'd like to showcase on EYPD? If yes, please contact us [here](#). This service is offered at no cost, and we are here to support you.



Have you signed up for a supportive site visit yet? Our consultants are excited to help you with Library Resource Provocation Setup, Story/Circle Time, Event Support, and even Professional Development Workshops (certificate included!). Additionally, we provide resource drop-off and pick-up services for our Early Learning Library resources! Click [here](#) to request a supportive site visit.



For a burst of seasonal inspiration, check out our Winter Seasonal Resource Sheet, which provides insights and suggestions to help you embrace this wonderful season. We would be thrilled to see how you're making use of our library resources, so please share your photos with us to be featured in the Child Care Corner of our annual Seasonal Resource Sheet!



Community Events

Family Social - Bob Prittie
Metrotown library, Feb 6th,
3-4:30PM.

Cantonese Storytime - Tommy
Douglas library, Feb 6th,
10:30-11:15AM.

Drop-in Valentines Card Making -
Coquitlam Heritage at Mackin
House, Feb 1st-Feb 8th,
10AM-4PM.

Black History Month Family Day -
Coquitlam Heritage at Mackin
House, Feb 15th, 1-4PM.



Family Day Activities:

- Hike & Campfire -
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Park, Feb 17th, 10AM-1PM.
- Special Story Time - City Centre
library, Feb 17th, 10:30-11AM.
- Family Day Weekend - City of
New Westminster
- Family Day - City of Burnaby

Family Resources

Every season, the YMCA CCRR offers free Drop-in Program sheets for families with young children in Tri-Cities, Burnaby, and New Westminster. These programs include in-person and online activities for children up to 6 years old. Check out this season's Drop-In Programs!

Families with young children are invited to our two drop-in programs: Circle of Friends Family Resource Program and the Bettie Allard YMCA Family Drop-In. These welcoming spaces offer opportunities for socialization, sharing parenting experiences, learning from guests, and engaging in creative activities with your children. We hope to see you soon!

Child Care News

ChildCareBC Bulletin's latest update contains information about the following:

- Renewal for the 2025 to 2026 Child Care Operating Funding, Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative and Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement
- Year Two of the Specialized Certification Grant for eligible ECEs
- Education Support Fund (bursary) information session
- Upcoming ECEBC professional learning opportunities

ChildCareBC - Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative Funding Guidelines 2025-2026



Article of Interest

Integrating Children's Rights into Early Childhood Curriculum - Canadian Child Care Federation

Discover how to adopt a Children's Rights-Based Approach to Practice. Through engaging activities such as storytelling, role-playing, and creative projects, educators enable children to recognize and advocate for their rights. By incorporating these principles into our curriculum, Early Childhood Educators lay the foundation for a more compassionate and inclusive society, beginning in the formative years.

As Early Childhood Educators, embracing a Children's Rights-Based Approach to Practice is essential. In alignment with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), we must fulfill our responsibilities as duty bearers, while children take on the role of rights holders. Understanding this relationship empowers our programs and supports the children in our care. Upholding children's rights consists of two interconnected aspects; as duty bearers, we have obligations and accountability under the UNCRC to realize these rights. Meanwhile, rights-holders (the children) actively engage by asserting their rights from us, the duty bearers (Lundy, McEvoy, & Byrne, 2011). A practical way to foster this interactive approach is by incorporating rights-based elements into our daily curriculum.

Read the complete article [here](#).

YMCA CCRR Services ... We are here to help!

Families

- Child Care Information and Referrals, including community referrals.
- Knowledge of ChildCareBC initiatives to help lessen the cost of child care (Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative) and support with the application process (Affordable Child Care Benefit).
- Workshops, drop-in programs and family programming to help assist you in your parenting journey.
- Early learning library resources for borrowing to help foster your child's development through play.

Child Care Providers and Child Care Workforce

- Information on becoming a Licensed Child Care Provider.
- Application assistance for ChildCareBC initiatives, i.e., Start Up Grant Funding, Wage Enhancement, Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative., etc.
- Workshops and courses to help nourish your early learning practices.
- Community referrals to help strengthen your child care programs.
- Professional networking opportunities to help widen your child care community.
- Early learning library resources for borrowing to help supplement your curricula and early learning provocations.

Early Learning Library Corner ... Monica's Lending Library Resource Picks!

Balancing games offer endless enjoyment with family or friends! Take turns stacking pieces higher and higher—just be careful not to make it tumble! Watch it reach new heights until—oops! If it falls, no worries—just start over for even more laughter and excitement. These games are ideal for fun, teamwork, and skill enhancement. Let the fun commence!



Introduce Nature Indoors for Learning and Enjoyment! This nature-themed matching game encourages children to engage their senses and foster a connection with the outdoors through a delightful, interactive experience. While playing, they improve their memory, recognition, and sensory abilities—all while appreciating the wonders of nature. It's an ideal way to make exploring the natural world both thrilling and rewarding.



Social Media & YMCA CCRR
Early Learning Library

On our social media platforms, we frequently showcase resources through our Exploring Materials series. Moreover, our Virtual Story Times highlight our resources in use, complete with song suggestions. Follow us to explore these offerings!

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