

YMCA CCRR Workshops

Creating Partnerships with Families - April 5th, 9:30AM-12:45PM, Online, \$15.

Managing Big Feelings: An Introduction to Emotion Regulation - April 15th, 5:45-7:45PM, New West Public Library (main branch), \$5.

Speech & Language Development in Early Years: Part 1 & 2 - April 7th & June 12th, 7-9PM, Online, \$20.

The Remix Educator: Blending Passion, Practice & Programming - April 23rd, 7-9PM, Coquitlam CCRR, \$10.

Learning How to Mentor the Next Generation of ECEs - April 26th, 9:30AM-12:45PM, Online, \$15.

Visit myymca.ca to register!

YMCA CCRR Program News

A heartfelt THANK YOU! to all who participated in our conference on February 22. The day was exceptional, featuring incredible presenters, great vendors, an ECPNC exhibit, delicious food, a wonderful venue, and, most importantly, our esteemed guests – YOU! We feel truly privileged to have offered this service to our child care and early learning community, and we are immensely grateful for your support. Want to see photos from the day? If so, see [here](#)!



On Friday, March 7th, our YBC CCRR offices were closed for a comprehensive professional development day for all staff. Our team dedicated the day to brainstorming, team building, and strategizing for the upcoming year. We are enthusiastic about implementing our fresh ideas into YMCA CCRR services and deeply appreciate these opportunities to connect and develop as a team.

Are you looking for workshops to renew your ECE license? If yes, our [Professional Development Schedule for Spring 2025](#) is now available! We provide a range of training options, both online and in-person, with start times that include evenings and Saturday mornings. Visit myymca.ca to register and be part of our programs!

As recognized by the Province of British Columbia, May is Child Care Appreciation Month. Child care providers and the child care workforce are integral to the community and the work we do, and we can't wait to celebrate you! If you are a child care provider or part of the childcare workforce serving New Westminster, Burnaby or the Tri-Cities, we cordially invite you attend May's celebrations. Please join us for an evening of celebration, appreciation and connection.

Registration below!

[New Westminster](#) | [Tri-Cities](#) | [Burnaby](#)

YMCA CCRR Program Features



SD43 Indigenous Youth Drummers

Are you a child care provider located in Burnaby, New Westminster, or the Tri-Cities? If the answer is yes, now is the perfect opportunity to refresh and update the information we have in our referral database about your childcare program. We've streamlined this process for you with our online [YMCA CCRR Program Information form](#). Please provide us with the most accurate details about your program, including any available spots, so we can ensure that we are sharing the correct information with families seeking childcare. This collaboration benefits everyone involved!



Heidi Worthington (CEO of YBC), Jennifer Blatherwick (Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity), Raegan Stewart (YMCA CCRR Program Manager), and Rohini Arora (Parliamentary Secretary for Child Care).

Have you had a Supportive Site Visit from our CCRR program? If you haven't, or if you would like to arrange another visit, sign up [here](#) to schedule one! Our supportive services include on-site Story/Circle Time, Library Resource Provocation Setup, Event Support, and Professional Development Workshops (certificate provided!). We also facilitate Early Learning Library resource drop-off and pick-up services for families and childcare programs!



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

Community Events

Spring Crafts at the Museum

April 5 @10:30AM & April 26 @3:30PM, Coquitlam Heritage at Mackin House, free.

Egg Hunt: April 12, 11:00 AM–

12:00PM, Port Moody Public Library, free.

Speech and Language Drop-In

Clinic: April 13, 10 to 11:30 AM, Terry Fox Library, free.



Family Storytime: April 17, 11:30AM–12PM, Burnaby Public Library (Tommy Douglas), free.

Tigrinya Storytime: Apr 17, 1:30–2:30 PM, New Westminster Public Library (Main branch), free.

Inlet Spring Regatta Dragonboat Festival: April 19, 8:00 PM– 3:00 PM, Rocky Point Park, free.

Earth Day Celebration: April 26, Lions Park, visit the link for further details.

Family Resources

Exciting Announcement! Our Bettie Allard Family Drop-In Program is growing! We are thrilled to share that it will now be additionally running every Monday (excluding holidays). Come on in and meet Stella, who is joining Michelle and the Bettie Allard team! We also want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Stella for her years of commitment and dedication to all the families at Circle of Friends, especially as we witnessed its closure on March 31st.

For more details regarding our Bettie Allard family drop-in program—such as hours of operation, days open, scheduled visits from community service providers, and upcoming closures—please visit [here](#).

Child Care News

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

- Canada–British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement Funding Extension
- Update on the new My ECE Registry digital platform
- Request for feedback: Proposed changes to Canada Student Loans Regulations and the Canada Student Financial Assistance Regulations
- Reminder: Year Two of the Specialized Certification Grant for eligible ECEs
- Reminder: Share your child care stories with the ministry and the child care sector!

ECEBC - Child Care Organizations Celebrate \$5.38B in Federal Funding Confirmed for B.C.: Advocates and professionals in the sector are breathing a sigh of relief to get some good news while simultaneously acknowledging disappointment that child care was notably absent from BC Budget 2025 priorities.

ECPN - ISSUE 25: March 2025 The Here and Now: Reimagining Early Childhoods In Urgent Times - "On February 22, 2025, ECPN pedagogist Mary Kim shared Thinking with Dinosaurs, an exhibition at the YMCA Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR) Early Learning & Child Care Conference in Coquitlam. This exhibit invited educators attending the conference to think with documentation as a site for reimagining curriculum-making." (continued in article)



Articles of Interest



Earth Day 2025 | Activities & Resources for April 22

Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future.

[Earth Day /](#)



Why Local?

Local businesses enhance our community, connect and support us socially, and enhance wealth and employment by circulating dollars many times between businesses. Research shows that B.C. local...

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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 program 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 ... Connie's Lending Library Resource Picks!

Pretend and imaginative play is an important aspect of childhood. Provide opportunities for uninterrupted open-ended play where children can tell stories, act out life experiences, and imagine new worlds. This supports confidence, self-esteem, resilience, social skills, curiosity and so much more.



34618 Birthday Cake

Materials and toys can provoke and inspire children's play and imagination. Consider the children's interest and experience when choosing materials and toys to extend children's play and imagination.



49665 Wood & Crystal Fantasy Blocks



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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