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BC Family Child Care Association's 2014 AGM and Annual Conference

Developing A Healthy Business-Inside & Out

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In order to best represent you, BC Family Child Care Association ("BCFCCA") needs members to promote and talk about the need for a strong voice in the field, to promote the unique and valuable contributions family child care providers made everyday.

The more members we represent the more influence we'll have to ensure that family child care remains a viable option for parents and providers.

Visit us at: www.bcfcca.ca

Child Care Operating Fund 2014 – 2015 Renewals/Applications

Submitted by Rena Laberge

Just a reminder that your renewal contract will be coming out in the month of March and the information from the CCOF office in Victoria is that you will first receive your contract for signing and then once you have returned your contract to the office you will then receive a notice that will be asking you to fill out the on-line provider profile.

Now for those who do not submit their monthly enrollment forms on-line. You may want to reconsider this, because submitting your forms online is more reliable and can be a lot faster. Have you ever faxed in your form only to hear that it was not received??? Apparently there is quite a few of us that this has happened too. By doing your forms online you will not be dependent on the mail system as well.

What you will need to do to start the process for on-line submission is to apply for a BCEid at <https://www.bceid.ca/>. Now I have been informed that there is an identification portion to this process and when you are filling out the application online it will tell you where your local BCEid office is located and if you are not mobile to get into your local office you will need to contact them (BCEid office) directly to see if you can get your identification to them in another way. At this website you will begin the process of applying for a BCEid account to access government programs which will be for CCOF and very soon Subsidy will be online as well. As I have been in the trial program for the online subsidy I can attest that with the bugs worked out of the system it works very good and you see everything in front of you on the computer screen including names and amounts that you can claim for the month. You will also be able to go back into the system and see that it has been approved for payment or what your last payments were which is very similar to what you are able to access on the CCOF online system.

In the application process it will ask you if you would like your receipts delivered by email. This also is another great feature of the online system as well.

Now for those of you who are already signed up for the direct deposit system and would like to get your receipt of payment each month by email instead of waiting for it to arrive with the mail system. You only need to phone into the Child Care Operating Fund Program office at the numbers below and ask them to sign you up for receiving receipt emails of your payments which I can tell you that you will receive many days in advance of the mail system and you will know exactly when your payments are to arrive in your bank account. I have been getting my notices like this for many years now and I really love it when I know exactly what date the payments are arriving. I have been getting my notices like this for many years now and I really love it when I know exactly what date the payments are arriving.

If you need any assistance please use the contact information below and they will be able to assist you with any of your questions concerning CCOF or Subsidy payments to you and your centre.

Contact Information

Child Care Operating Funding Program
Child Care Programs and Services Branch
Ministry of Children and Family
Development
PO Box 9965 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9R4
Telephone in Victoria: 250 356-6501
Elsewhere in BC toll-free: 1 888 338-6622



BCFCCA Chair's Message

Over the years, BCFCCA has provided its members with industry updates and trends, a place to network with others in the field, joint action on advocacy issues, and conferences designed specifically to meet our members' needs. BCFCCA has worked diligently with local and provincial organizations to educate them about our organization, our members and our commitment to professionalism and excellence in early care and also our quality training program "Good Beginnings".

Your membership is important and your voice is important to us. We do listen to our membership, and take action whenever feasible. Our goals and accomplishments for the year will be shared with members at our upcoming annual conference and Annual General Meeting. This conference provides a wonderful opportunity to network with other providers in the field, and to participate in excellent trainings that are focused on you.

During our conference we will also hold our AGM during lunch. Elections for board members will take place during the AGM. Why serve on a board? As a member of a dedicated team you can identify long term goals, seek out diverse opportunities for collaboration and brainstorm-as well as potentially implement-innovative strategies for lasting change. You will build valuable networks and relationships with fellow board members and organizations by working together on issues you care about. Volunteering as a board member is an immensely satisfying experience both personally and professionally. On a personal level, it provides you with the opportunity to contribute to a cause that you believe in and feel passionate about. Serving as a board member can enrich your life and make a difference in the lives of others. BCFCCA's voice is only as strong as its members support - make sure you are impacting the future of family child care.

We hope that you can join us on **May 31st** for our conference and AGM.

Sincerely,

BCFCCA Co-Chairs

Rena Laberge and Vicki Lepper

Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has."

~ Margaret Mead

2013—2014 BC Family Child Care Association Board

Co—Chairs: email: chair@bcfcca.ca

Rena Laberge 2012—2014

Vicki Lepper 2012—2014 BCFCCA member council rep.

Directors:

Joanne Cruickshank 2012– 2014

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Debra Smith 2013—2014 appointed

BCFCCA Member E-Share

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Vancouver Family Child Care Association

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Would your community benefit from a network of family child care providers?

BCFCCA would love to assist anyone who would like to start a member group in their community.

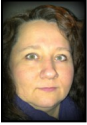
Call the office for more information or email, chair@bcfcca.ca to get started today.



"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success."

Henry Ford

BCFCCA Member E-Share



A few thoughts from returning member, Suzanne Schlechte, owner/
operator of My Buddies Daycare.....

Family Child Care
is not **Babysitting**.
It's not comparable
to any **child care center**.
It's FAMILIES in
relationships
with a **PROFESSIONAL** care provider
in an **environment**
that becomes, **BY DESIGN**
a second home,
and a whole **BUNCH** of **PEOPLE**
partnering, trusting, caring
and educating each other.

Suzanne Schlechte



"Thank you so much for letting us participate in the workshop on Saturday. Dr. Sweeney was fabulous, in my 19 years of E.C.E. related workshops I would have to say this was the best ever. I am so inspired by her and I don't want it to sound insulting because age is only a number, but for someone her age to be able to pass on her knowledge to others is absolutely amazing, she is a real treasure. Thanks again and take care!"

This workshop is funded by BC Family Child Care Association and many thanks to BCFCCA's great support!

- Feneda Ha Au-Yeung -



Workshop with Dr. Fleurette Sweeney
Vancouver Family Child Care Association



"Joining the Conversation"

Don't miss out on the opportunity for great conversations and interactions with other Child Care Providers on our **Members only page**

I'm very pleased to have this opportunity to share my story. My name is Suzanne Schlechte. For over 20 years now, I've operated my own family daycare home in Richmond. I remember, a few years into the business, having a feeling of being so very fortunate to have found my place in life. I knew, without any doubt that this was what I wanted to be doing, what I was meant to be doing. I can't claim to have done everything perfectly. I've certainly learned a great deal about child care in the last 20 years. I don't think I will ever stop learning about children – there's just too much to know!

Today, I consider my job, *our jobs*, as Family Child Care Providers, as one of the most important but, unfortunately, also most undervalued services. The close connection between us and the families we work with provides a natural advantage that can't be matched. There's a bond between us. The majority of my children stay with me from their first years to the time they leave for school, and sometimes beyond. I often care for siblings, too, which is wonderful for keeping families together and strengthening those relationships. I get to know my families well. I'm proud to say that I have just begun to care for a second generation of daycare children.

In a perfect world, I would see fewer centres and more family child care providers. I would see more support and better access for education and training for family child care providers. I would see our children receive the same benefits that children in centres receive. Finally, I would see children entering the school system not just with the academic and self-help skills they need, but with confidence and compassion and empathy that comes from having developed many close and trusting relationships with people around them.

Just because my perfect world isn't likely to come into being doesn't mean that I, we, should give up on it. I think that if we work together, support each other, and strive to be the best we can be and also help others be the best they can be, we can do great things. It's up to each one of us to help make a better future.

News to Know

The Play Exchange, Canada's Active Living Challenge

Today, Minister Ambrose and partners are launching, The Play Exchange, a first of its kind partnership that will ask Canadians to submit their ideas of how we can be more active.

- ★ The Play Exchange will select Canadian judges, who will review all
- ★ submissions and pick the top ideas. Business and Community leaders will
- ★ work with the "innovators" to help develop their ideas and project proposals.

★ These top ideas will be showcased on national television in January 2015
★ when Canadians from across the country will have the chance to vote for what
★ they think is the best idea. The winner will receive up to **\$1 million** to
★ launch their project.

Read more.....



Just in case you missed it, check out 13 tips in helping parents choose a daycare. Great insight into what parents are looking for!.....[read more](#)



The United Way Middle Childhood Learning Summit is now open for registration. Please [click here](#) for more information and registration



Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education

Deadline April 15th, 2014

Click on the ribbon for more information



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BC Family Child Care Association would like to extend our thanks to Child Care Options Resource & Referral for partnering with us for our 2014 AGM and Conference; allowing us to pass on reduced conference rates to our participants.



Encounters with materials in early childhood education

A joint project between the University of Victoria, Capilano University, and Douglas College funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Material Encounters

Capilano University Studio Arts Gallery
March 1-19, 2014

In this exhibit we illustrate moments from a three-year art-based collaborative inquiry into materiality in early childhood education. Our intention is to broaden understandings of the role that materials play in early childhood learning and to explore materials as *encounter* and *event*. We consider what it means to think with things: how each material evokes particular intra-actions and presents particular possibilities among/with/between young children.

Capilano University Studio Arts Gallery

BC Family Child Care Association's 2014 AGM and Annual Conference



In partnership with Child Care Options Resource & Referral is pleased to present:

Developing A Healthy Business-Inside & Out



How providers care for the business aspects of child care can be as vital as how children are cared for. When your business runs smoothly it allows you to focus on the most important task of all -- providing the best care for children.

Join us for this one day conference that will help you to ***Develop a Healthy Business - Inside & Out***

Saturday, May 31, 2014 9:00am—4:00pm

**Child Care Options Resource & Referral
#100-6846 King George Blvd.
Surrey, BC V3W 4Z9**



9:00 am	Registration & light refreshments	12:30-1:30pm	Amazing Lunch and BCFCCA AGM
9:45 am	Welcome & Prize Draw	1:45 pm-3:45pm	2 hour Training Session (3 choices)
10:00am-12pm	2 hour Training Session (Deborah MacNamara)	3:45pm-4pm	Wrap up
12:00pm-12:30pm	Break, networking and shopping		

Certificates will be issued for each session that participants attend.

Lunch will be catered by The Gourmet Ladies (gourmetlunchladies.com) and will provide a variety of food for most dietary needs. If you have special requirements, please make a note on the registration form.

During the break you will have plenty of time to network with other child care providers and browse through the store at Options Child Care Resource & Referral.



Childcareoptions.ca



As seating is limited, please register early to ensure your choice of workshops!

BC Family Child Care Association's AGM will be held during the lunch hour and we welcome all participants to attend. All Board positions are up this term. If you are interested in becoming a board member or would like to nominate someone; please refer to the pages following this registration.

Please note only BCFCCA members will have voting privileges at the AGM.

Developing A Healthy Business—Inside & Out Workshops

Session 1A The Lost Art of Play: Helping Children Become Their Own Persons

AM
10:00 –12:00

Play is key to a child's development of independence, individuality, and responsibility taking. All play is not created equal and adults play a key role in fostering the conditions that gives rise to it. Emergent play will be defined along with strategies for fostering and protecting these spaces in their life. Based on the latest research from developmental science this presentation will address how it is in play we see the first signs of the potential in children and who they will become.

Presenter: *Dr. Deborah MacNamara is a clinical counsellor and educator in private practice helping parents, teachers, and childcare professionals make sense of children and adolescents in their care. She has over 15 years' experience as a teacher and counsellor in mental health and educational settings. Deborah is a dynamic presenter and writes on a number of parenting issues and has been published in parenting magazines and newsletters across Canada. She interned with Dr. Gordon Neufeld and is on faculty at the Neufeld Institute.*



Session 1P The Three P's of Business

PM
1:45 –3:45

In this session participants will review what makes up business policy, procedure and practice in a child care setting. If you have questions regarding your business P's this would be a great time to find answers based on best practice. Sometimes adjusting or implementing a "P" can have positive or negative results. If you are ready to make some changes or simply want to validate your existing "P's" then this is the session for you!

Presenter: *Carmen Barclay MA, has over 20 years experience in the child care field and likes to think of herself as an advocate for children. Carmen has a Masters in Conflict Analysis and Management and runs a business that helps families manage conflict. Before this, Carmen was a Coordinator of Programs and Service with a Child Care Resource and Referral program. Carmen is a volunteer peer reviewer with the Council on Accreditation, which means she looks at business "P's" of those who want to meet accreditation standards.*

Session 2P What did you do? - Child Behavior and Guidance

Would you believe me if I told you that "All behavior is communication!"... that's right, children behave in ways they hope to get their needs met. These behaviors may work or not, and a great deal of that depends on not only how we respond but how WE communicate! Learn 5 ways to send a message that actually helps a child choose successful behavior. Consider the 10 top guidance tips. Remember that clarifying and checking in helps a child feel heard and a heard child can choose better behavior! And finally, be a COACH not the REF and help kids get C.L.E.A.R.!

Presenter: *Amy Collum M.A.Ed., E.C.E., cert. play therapy, is a dynamic motivational speaker who has been in the child care field on Vancouver Island for over 28 years along with being a mother of three grown children. She loves the early years and young children because "every day is new and so full of potential!" Her energetic style of presenting workshops proves she believes that experience and knowledge is nothing unless shared! Amy's past workshop participants have requested that we bring her back this year for more, which we are very pleased to do. Don't miss this one!*

Session 3P Marketing Your Family Child Care Business

As child care providers, the notion of marketing ourselves or our child care setting often makes us feel uncomfortable. Somehow advertising seems out of step with the work we do. The fact is, however, that the ability to market our child care service in tasteful and effective ways is one indicator of a professional child care provider. This workshop teaches providers how to identify, articulate, and sell the benefits of their child care program to potential clients using both traditional strategies and technology. Parents are using the Internet to find child care providers. This workshop will teach you the basics of marketing as well as using the Internet and social media to help you maximize enrollment and income for your business. This workshop is for a person that wants to understand how to fit all the pieces together.

Presenter: *Vicki Lepper runs a licensed family child care in Coquitlam, BC, and has been providing child care for over 20 years. In 2011, Vicki became a Board member for BC Family Child Care Association and is currently the BCFCCA Co-Chair as well as a facilitator of Good Beginnings: Professional Development for Child Care Providers course and has taught at VCC, Douglas College, and Burnaby CCE. Vicki is actively involved on the Tri-Cities Early Childhood Development Committee and on the sub-committee Child Care Working Group. Vicki has been nominated for many awards and in May 2012, she was the "Individual" recipient of "The Tri-Cities Award of Excellence Working with Young Children" for her exceptional work for making the Tri-Cities a better place for families and children.*



Developing A Healthy Business-Inside & Out

Registration Form



Participant Information (Please Print Clearly)

Name _____ Email _____
Address _____ City/Prov. _____
Postal Code _____ Contact Phone _____

AGM and lunch only:		\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Full Day :	Member	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-member	\$55.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	1P	2P	3P
Please select your choice of afternoon workshop in order of preference (Workshop descriptions on previous page)									

Method Of Payment

Cheques or money orders may be made payable to BC Family Child Care Association.(BCFCCA)

Please mail completed forms and payment to:

#100-6846 King George Blvd.,

Surrey, BC

V3W 4Z9

Payment may also be made by Visa, Mastercard through Paypal on our website at www.bcfcca.ca. No refunds will be issued.

As seating is limited, please register early!

Cut-off date for registration is May 24th, 2014

Comments:



Call for Nominations for the BC Family Child Care Association Board of Directors

Dear BCFCCA member,

BC Family Child Care Association (BCFCCA) is calling for nominations to the Board of Directors. The current term expires at the Annual General Meeting on May 31, 2014. The term of office is for two years. At the upcoming AGM, all Board positions will be open for candidates.

The current Board of Directors consists of **2 Co-chairs** and **4 Directors positions**. If you require a more detailed job description of these positions, please contact the office at office@bcfcca.ca

Volunteer positions do not have to take a lot of your time but they do need to have your commitment. It is recommended that nominees possess the following characteristics:

- ◆ **Commitment to the vision and goals of BCFCCA**
- ◆ **Proven or demonstrated leadership skills**
- ◆ **Demonstrated commitment to quality child care**
- ◆ **Direct involvement, experience and commitment to Family Child Care**
- ◆ **Ability to work with a consensus board**

These are 2 year terms and we would ask that you consider identifying a suitable candidate to represent you and your peers on the Board. Those who are nominated and interested in putting their name forward for a position, should complete an application form and send in a brief biography. No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM, so be sure to get your nomination forms/board application into the office of BC Family Child Care Association by **April 30th, 2014**.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of BCFCCA Co-chairs, Vicki Lepper or Rena Laberge at chair@bcfcca.ca

Sincerely,

The Board of BC Family Child Care Association

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BC Family Child Care Association Board of Directors 2014 -2015 Nomination Form

Elections to be held at the Annual General Meeting at Child Care Options Resource & Referral , #100-6846 King George Blvd. Surrey, BC on May 31, 2014. All nominees and nominator must be members in good standing.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE BY April 30th, 2014

Please submit forms to: **BC Family Child Care Association (BCFCCA)**
#100-6846 King George Boulevard, Surrey BC V3W 4Z9
Fax: (604) 590-1427 email: office@bcfcca.ca

Nominee: _____ for the position of

☐

Chair of BCFCCA

☐

Director of BCFCCA

This nomination is supported by (at least) two BCFCCA members.

Member Name

Address

Signature

Member Name

Address

Signature

Please include a brief profile of the **NOMINEE** outlining family child care experience and/or other relevant information, and a brief statement of philosophy and goals relevant to BCFCCA.

CONSENT OF NOMINEE: I Hereby consent to the above nomination to the Board of Directors of BCFCCA and if elected agree to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Signature of Nominee: _____

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BC Family Child Care Association Board Application Form

Date: _____
Name: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Number and Street City/Town Postal Code

Relevant experience and/or employment (attach a resume if relevant)

Why are you interested in BC Family Child Care Association?

Area(s) of expertise/contribution you feel you can make

Other volunteer commitments

**Thank you for completing this application for board membership.
We will be in touch with you shortly.**

For Board Use

Date

Candidate has received recruitment package.

Candidate has had a meeting (in person or via telephone) with Board Chair or other board member.

Candidate reviewed by committee.

Candidate inform of status of application.

Decision: _____



BC Family Child Care Association 2014-2015 Annual General Meeting Proxy Form

I am a member in good standing of **BC FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION** for the 2013-2014 year.

And I hereby appoint and authorize _____ to act as proxy and to vote on my behalf at the following annual general meeting of members, which will be held:

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2014
Time: 12:30pm
Location: Child Care Options Resource & Referral
#100-6846 King George Blvd. Surrey, BC

This proxy shall be void if I personally attend the said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this proxy on the day of _____
dd/mm/yyyy

BCFCCA Member Signature _____

NOTE: No member may carry more than three (3) proxies. Please ensure that the person to whom you give your proxy has not exceeded that limit. The vote of the member giving this proxy shall on a poll (ballot) be voted by the said proxy holder as specified below. If no choice is specified, a vote will be cast for them by the holder identified above.