

BC FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2016



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Only 4 weeks left to register for
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Don't miss out on this day of creative
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“Come Out and Play”

*Tools and Toys for Creative &
Engaging Child Care*

Presented by Vince Gowmon
www.vincegowmon.com



Early Bird Price : \$55.00 for BCFCCA members
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Early Bird Registration Closes: May 15th, 2016

Registration Price: \$60.00 BCFCCA members
(After May 15th) \$80.00 Non-members

[Click here](#) for complete registration package

BC Family Child Care Association AGM Documents
including the Proxy Form
inside.....

Province of BC
Proclamation

Child Care Month

Child Care Provider
Appreciation Day



Message From The Chair

Well as I reflect on my term as a Director on the board for BCFCCA and now sitting as the Chair we have all seen many changes and I am sure there are more to come in child care.

Some have been for the good of child care and some we have had to rally for change on. This will be my last chair report as I have reached my six years on the board. I will be staying on in the capacity of Past-Chair to help out the board in any way I can for one more year.

Over the many 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.

Our goals and accomplishments for the year will be shared with our members at our upcoming annual conference and AGM “**Come out and Play**”, which is presented by Vince Gowmon www.vincegowmon.com, and is being held on Saturday, June 11th, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (6 hours training certificate) at the Creekside Community Recreation Centre 1 Athletes Way Vancouver, BC

This conference provides a wonderful opportunity to network with other providers in the field, and to participate in excellent training that is focused on you, the care provider.

During our conference we will 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.

“It is not what your board can do for you but what can you do for Family Child Care!”

Your BCFCCA board hopes to continue to engage with groups and government the importance of Family Child Care in BC and to bring your message to the front. Please continue to send us your opinions and concerns.

Rena Laberge

Chair



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,
Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS child care is a vital community service that supports healthy families and a healthy economy, and

WHEREAS quality early learning and child care programs strengthen children's cultural identity and language and contribute to their healthy development and readiness to learn, and

WHEREAS child care providers are essential to providing quality and safe child care, and

WHEREAS child care providers, parents, federal, provincial and municipal governments, businesses, community associations, First Nations and Aboriginal communities, and all citizens share a commitment to ensuring that quality child care spaces are available for families, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia supports and promotes the delivery of safe, culturally relevant and high-quality child care options to ensure programs and services are available to support and protect our most vulnerable children and families, and

WHEREAS many individuals, organizations and municipalities throughout British Columbia have, since 1982, organized events in celebration of Child Care Month and Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, and

WHEREAS the proclamation respecting Child Care Month and Child Care Provider Appreciation Day issued on February 22, 2016 is rescinded;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that the month of May 2016 shall be known as

"Child Care Month"

and May 19, 2016 shall be known as

"Child Care Provider Appreciation Day"

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this fifth day of April, two thousand sixteen and in the sixty-fifth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and Minister of Justice
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor

BCFCCA

BC Family Child Care Association ("BCFCCA") members are found all over the province and share your commitment to excellence in early learning and child care.

Members of BC Family Child Care Association receive an affiliate membership with the Canadian Child Care Federation ("CCCF").

(Canada's largest early learning and child care organization, CCCF a federation of over 20 provincial/territorial organizations from across the country, representing 9,000 members~ practitioners, administrators, parents, academics, researchers and policy makers. CCCF is committed to excellence in early learning and child care through best and promising practice, capacity building, and collaborations, networks and partnerships)

Are you ready to join us and make a difference?

BCFCCA's annual membership fee is only \$45.00

Membership details are available at www.bcfcca.ca

Register from our website via PayPal or mail in your cheque to:

BCFCCA
#100-6846 King George Blvd.
Surrey, BC V3W 4Z9



Remember to "Like us" on
facebook



"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



BC Family Child Care Association has a Pinterest page. Have a look <https://www.pinterest.com/bcfcca/>

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

— Albert Einstein,
theoretical physicist

Improving Family Child Care Using Training Webinars

ATTENTION: Child Care Providers! We want to help you, we want to make a difference to your work day and help bring you the training that will inspire you, but we NEED your help! Funding is hard to come by and we at BCFCCA keep trying to access it wherever we can - like this contest. But without your help, without **YOUR VOTES**, it won't work, Please cast your vote, today and each day, and encourage your family and friends to do the same. Remember you have to register, and you can vote 3 ways!

VOTING ENDS MAY 16TH...YOUR DAILY VOTE MATTERS

<http://learningproject.cst.org/ideas/1475#vote-facebook>

Up and Coming



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR



www.ccr.bc.ca

Spring/Summer 2016

Training topics included in this session:

- Bullying Prevention
- Hiring and Supervising Staff
- Music for Young Children
- Risk-Taking in Play
- Working with Gender Variant Children
- Emergency Preparedness
- How Twitter Can Benefit You
- And much more!



Honey Sesame Treats

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 5 minutes

Yields: 9 servings

Ingredients:

- ♦ 3/4 cup sesame seeds
- ♦ 1 1/2 tbsps raw honey

Submitted by Carmen Barclay
Holistic Health & Lifestyle Coach

Directions

1. Grind 1/2 cup sesame seeds in a coffee grinder or mortar and pestle. Grind finely, but do not make nut butter. You can also use a food processor, but pulse carefully.
2. Place in a bowl, add honey and combine with a fork until it becomes a unified paste. Roll into 1/2-inch balls.
3. Toast the remaining 1/4 cups seeds in a sauté pan for 5 minutes, stirring constantly until they turn golden brown and transfer them to a bowl.
4. Roll the balls in the toasted sesame seeds.
5. Eat warm or refrigerate.

Simple Learning Activities for Preschoolers

Presenter: George Melzer
Thursday, May 19th, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
Burnaby/New Westminster CCRR

Members \$18/Non-Members \$22

Using Children's Literature to Nurture Social & Emotional Development

Presenter: Andrea Dawson
Saturday, June 11th, 9:30 am – 12:45 pm
Burnaby/New Westminster CCRR

[Registration & more info](#)

Members \$25/Non-Members \$32

Notable News



Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada (CCAAC)

Urgently needed funds for child care left out of this federal budget, put off to next year

By deferring urgently needed funds for child care to the 2017 budget, the Trudeau government has missed an excellent opportunity to do better to advance women's equality, reduce poverty and give real help to the middle class this year. All these were recurring key themes in the October election campaign and in the lead up to the budget.....[Read more](#)

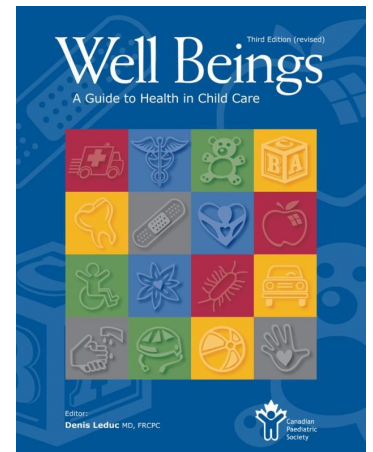


Are you a child care practitioner?

Well Beings: A Guide to Health in Child Care, last published in 2008, is back in print and better than ever.

This new 3rd (revised) edition brings expert-reviewed content up-to-date, including:

- ♦ **Guidance on physical activity - how much and what kind do young children need?**
- ♦ **Revised guidance on first foods, considerations of obesity and safe food handling.**
- ♦ **Changes to the sequence for cardiopulmonary resuscitation.**
- ♦ **Caring for children with chronic diseases such as type 1 diabetes, sickle cell disease and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.**
- ♦ **How to manage specific infections, with revised protocols for dishwashing and disinfection in the child care setting.**
- ♦ **Updated and additional selected resources at the end of each chapter. [Order now from our bookstore](#) for the same great price as always:**



Urban Safari Rescue Society

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Canadian Child Care Federation



CANADIAN
CHILD CARE
FEDERATION

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SERVICES DE GARDE
À L'ENFANCE

CANADA NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD ON A NATIONAL CHILD CARE PLAN – CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WILL WAIT ANOTHER YEAR TO ACCESS A PAN-CANADIAN PLAN FOR AFFORDABLE, QUALITY, CHILD CARE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MARCH 22, 2016

OTTAWA — Today's federal budget announcement has taken significant steps towards building a long overdue national child care plan, but fell short on immediate investments that families and Canada's child care sector need.

The federal government's funding commitments for child care in today's budget announcement are encouraging and the Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCCF) is ready to roll up its' collective sleeves and get working with national, provincial and territorial child care sector partners to build a better child care system for Canada. But the lack of investment in 2016/17 is concerning and leaves the long standing issues of accessibility, affordability and evidenced based system building on the table for another year.

"We are pleased that after 10 years of inaction on the federal level to finally see an investment in a national child care policy framework," said Don Giesbrecht, CCCC CEO. "This dedicated funding is long overdue, but it is unfortunate that Canadian families and children will have to wait another year in order for the pan-Canadian plan to roll out. We will continue to work with the federal government and our partners in ensuring that Canada's families and children will soon have a long promised national child care system."

The Government of Canada needs to take advantage of the evidence based early learning research and knowledge and apply it to the promised national early learning and child care framework.

Early learning and child care continues to be a public issue affecting millions of Canadian children and their families. The time has come to put children first by supporting families and investing where early learning research and best practice tells us will reap the most success: an affordable, high quality early learning and child care system.

The Canadian Child Care Federation is committed to best practice in early childhood education. Our organization is about the value of children. We value children. In order to protect and enhance our children, to promote their safety and their healthy growth and development, we are committed to providing Canadians with the very best in early learning and child care knowledge and best practices. Our tools are research and knowledge dissemination, the creation and nurturing of active networks.

Working in partnership with our affiliates, we are committed to:

- The importance of quality early learning and child care as an essential Canadian value and a right worth protecting and enhancing;*
- The importance of quality delivery of early learning and child care as crucial elements in the healthy development of our children;*
- The importance of competent, well-trained professionals who deliver quality early learning and child care with passion and pride*

Don Giesbrecht
CEO/PDG
Canadian Child Care Federation/
Fédération canadienne des services de garde à l'enfance
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Two provinces are about to celebrate and recognize the valuable and important work of their respective child care sectors

Celebrating the work of Canada's child care sector—awesome!

Manitoba will celebrate the Week of the ECE next week, April 24-April 30. More information is on the MCCA website and a poster is also attached. <http://mccahouse.org/celebrate-week-of-the-ece-april-24-30-2016/>

Nova Scotia is celebrating June as ECE and Child Care Awareness Month. There are several events planned and more info can be found at <http://nschildcareassociation.org/ece-and-child-care-awareness-month-2016/>

Don Giesbrecht
CEO/PDG
Canadian Child Care Federation/
Fédération canadienne des services de garde à l'enfance



BC Family Child Care Association

2016-2017 Annual General Meeting Proxy Form

I am a member in good standing of **BC FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION** for the 2016-2017 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, June, 11th, 2016

Time: 12:30pm

Location: Creekside Community Recreation Centre
1 Athletes Way
Vancouver, BC

I have executed this proxy on the day of _____
dd/mm/yy

BCFCCA Member Signature _____

I hereby revoke any proxy previously given to attend and vote at the said meeting. I hereby declare that I am a member in good standing, of BC Family Child Care Association and would be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting on June 11th, 2016

BCFCCA Member Signature _____

dd/mm/yy

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 above. If no choice is specified, a vote will be cast for them by the holder identified above.



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

BC Family Child Care Association (BCFCCA) is calling for nominations to the Board of Directors. 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 **1 Chair** and **4 Directors positions**. If you require a more detailed job description of these position, please contact the office at office@bcfcca.ca

The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the following positions:

- *Chair*
- **Past Chair (non-elected “ex-officio” and one year term only)*
- *The BCFCCA board of directors will be comprised of a minimum of 5 elected members who will then choose a chair and/or a co-chair position*

The Board of Directors shall be general or lifetime members in good standing for the year prior to the election (that is from the Annual General Meeting) and shall be elected by the members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting.

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, are required to complete an application form and send in a brief biography.

No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

All nomination forms/board applications must be received at the office of BC Family Child Care Association by **May 31st, 2016**.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact, Rena Laberge, BCFCCA Chair at chair@bcfcca.ca

Sincerely, The Board of BC Family Child Care Association



BC Family Child Care Association Board of Directors 2016 -2017 Nomination Form

Elections to be held at the Annual General Meeting at Creekside Community Recreation Centre, 1 Athletes Way, Vancouver, BC on June 11th, 2016. All nominees and nominator must be members in good standing.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE BY May 31st, 2016

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

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: _____



BC Family Child Care Association

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The Caregiver Connection reserves the right to review and edit submitted material as necessary for

inclusion in any issue.

Please direct all comments, submissions,

and inquiries to:

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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 and to promote the unique and valuable contributions family child care providers make 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.

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