



**BC Family Child Care Association**

# Caregiver E-Connection

Summer 2014

## Thank you for making our Conference a Success!

A sincere thank you to all of our conference attendees, presenters, and volunteers, for making this a wonderful conference! It was another enjoyable and educational conference and we appreciate your support of BC Family Child Care Association. Your presence helped to make this event a great success! It was terrific to meet so many of you face to face and it was great to see so many industry leaders in the same room enjoying themselves.

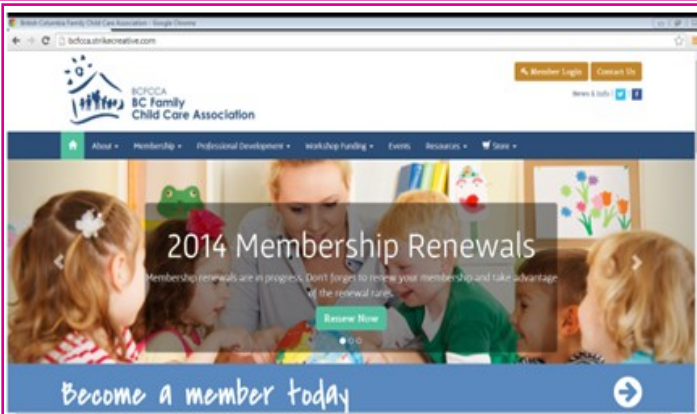
We would also like to thank Options Child Care Resource and Referral for their partnership, and their continued support.

From the Co-Chairs of BCFCCA, we would also like to thank the BCFCCA Board of Directors and Conference Committee Members for all your hard work and dedication in organizing this conference.

We trust this year's conference and theme inspired you and renewed your commitment to your chosen profession as a child care professional.

We are now in the planning stages for our 2015 conference. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please contact us.

Thank you again for attending BCFCCA Annual Conference and AGM, and we look forward to seeing you all next year!



## Our New Website

We are proud to announce that our new website is ready to launch!

By the time you receive this newsletter you should be able to view it.

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Joining BCFCCA gives you access to resources and a community of like-minded individuals including a Facebook Member Only page.

The benefits are endless and there are so many reasons to join!

***Being a member of BCFCCA is a true commitment to making a difference in the lives of children and families in British Columbia and across Canada. BCFCCA's voice is only as strong as its members support.***

It's easy~renew online through Paypal or download a membership form from the website and send a cheque today. Information can be found at [www.bcfcca.ca](http://www.bcfcca.ca)



## Member E-Share



**BCFCCA**

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 Website: [www.pgcca.ca](http://www.pgcca.ca)



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**Vancouver Family Child Care Association**  
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**MEMBER  
GROUPS**



**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](mailto:chair@bcfcca.ca) to get started today.

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

**Henry Ford**



### North Fraser Child Care Association

We have actually been very busy the last few months with activities and fundraising for a community charity. Last month we presented a cheque for \$250 to community Services for a group called "Daddy And Me" a single dad program, so that they could continue a bit longer as funding has been cut. On June 3rd and the 10th we sent our fundraising members to the Laity Farm for an educational and fun field trip, courtesy of **NFCCA**.

Last evening, June 12 we had a brief financial report and discussion on activities. This was held at the Pit Meadows Gulf Club where we enjoyed a beautiful pasta night and received goodie bags to take home.

Coming up event- We have two trips to the local fire hall scheduled for the 25th of June.

Future events- a picnic and fun day at a local park and in the fall a visit to a local fish hatchery. Also visits to local seniors centres.

Kathy Mang  
 President





## Vancouver Family Child Care Association

Empowering members to provide  
quality child care

Dear Members,

It has been a busy and successful year for our association in continuing to deliver on our vision and mission. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work in supporting our members through quality workshops, fun network meetings and updated newsletters. **The Vancouver Family Child Care Association (VFCCA)** believes in family child care providers' dedication in helping to build and sustain a healthy community. The caring nature our caregivers provide for the children in their care is the same quality that has been the foundation **VFCCA** has built and strengthened over the last ten years.

On behalf of our members and the Board, I would like to extend our heartfelt 'Thanks' to the **BCFCCA** Board for helping **VFCCA** build a solid foundation ten years ago. Over the years, we have received extra funding from **BCFCCA** for sponsoring our members' professional development. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to our parents, Vancouver Coastal Health – Licensing Office, Westcoast Childcare Resources & Referral and Kiwassa Neighbourhood House for their ongoing support to our association over the past decade.

The association belongs to our members, and your participation and ongoing support are the motivation that we seek in order to learn more and provide the best quality care to children and families. At the same time, it is also important to promote our image to the public as being a professional family child care provider. I encourage potential members to come forward, join the board and share their passion and talent with the Board of **VFCCA** or **BCFCCA** and ignite our flames. All our members offer their own special and unique talents that together will ensure the success of our association for decades to come.

Thank you for all your ongoing support and for giving the BODs a great opportunity to grow, to learn and to serve our members best!

Best regards,

Feneda Ha Au Yeung  
President of VFCCA

*Acknowledgement and celebration are essential to fueling passion, making people feel valid and valuable, and giving the team a real sense of progress that makes it all worthwhile.*



- Dwight Frindt



**Southern  
Vancouver  
Island  
Family Child  
Care  
Association**

Hello everyone,

**SVIFCCA** has had a great few months with large participation (around 40 to 45 people) at our General Meetings. We have been having a lot of ECE members attending. We've had speakers on Conflict Resolution with Mary Ellen Menuier, Science Activities for Young Children with Lise Lotte Loomer, Feeding Tiny Tummies with Jodi Holland and Basic Composting (we discovered it is good to pee in your compost) with Clare Pepper. This month we will be getting tips for Kindergarten Readiness with Terra Pickwick.

Our Conference on April 5<sup>th</sup> was a great success and well attended. Our speakers Mary Ellen Menuier presented Communication with Guidance for Young Children and Niki Martin presented the Brain Dance (why we need to keep moving). We all came away with lots of skills and feeling good about ourselves as well as having lots of fun. We were able to reimburse fees to our members in thanks to the money we received from Touch a Truck.

For May Child Care month we are doing Music in the Park with Miss Taylor. We are looking forward to the sunshine and a terrific turnout.

We are also looking forward to our participation in Touch a Truck at Western Speedway in August. We will receive all the profits from this activity. Last year we received \$4000.00 which has given us superb speakers and the Conference.

Finally, we are now 25 years old and still going strong. We will have a celebration at our May AGM meeting. It has been my privilege to have been one of the four founding members on day one and have watched us grow and change over the years. I am looking forward to many more terrific years.

All in all, **Southern Vancouver Island Family Child Care Association** has had a terrific start to 2014.

Presented by  
Diana McKay  
SVIFCCA Member Rep.



CANADIAN CHILD CARE FEDERATION

FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES SERVICES  
DE GARDE À L'ENFANCE**MEMBERS:****Register Your Membership Online**

As a CCCF member you are entitled to benefits and valuable resources on early learning and child care, including *Interaction* magazine and our weekly e-newsletter.

You are receiving this letter because the just released Spring 2014 edition of *Interaction* Magazine is online now and if you have not already done so, you need to register as a CCCF member on the CCCF website in order to access it.

**Please go to [www.cccf-fcsge.ca/affiliates](http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/affiliates) enter your information and e-mail address today, if you have not already done so. If you are already registered, go to [www.cccf-fcsge.ca](http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca) and log in now to get your copy.** We will then follow up by sending an e-mail to notify you of other online member benefits we are creating for you. Don't delay! We don't want you to miss out on your valuable member benefits!

Should you need any support or have any questions with regards to registering your membership online or other matters, please e-mail us at [info@cccf-fcsge.ca](mailto:info@cccf-fcsge.ca) or phone 1-800-858-1412.



**ChildCare 2020** is the first national child care policy conference in a decade and the fourth such conference in Canada's history.

The main goal of the conference is renewed action on early learning and child care. - for more information and conference brochure, [click here](#)

**Membership 2014/2015**

Your membership for **BC Family Child Care Association** is coming up for renewal at the end of August. Register early and take advantage of our **2015 Calendar pre-sale special**.

For your convenience there is a printable form at the end of the newsletter or [click here](#) to purchase on our website through Paypal.

**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).



## News to Know



Save the date!

**Pedagogical Documentation  
as a  
Professional Development Tool**

Karen Alnervik  
Per Alnervik  
Alejandra Sanchez  
Claudia Ruitenbergh

**Broadening Interpretations of Children –  
and Learning Something About Ourselves  
in the Process**

Evening Talk: October 23, 2014 7-9pm \$25  
Institute Day: October 24, 2014 9-3pm \$119\*  
\*early bird registration rate

Jewish Community Centre, Vancouver  
950 West 41st Avenue

Register at  
[vancouverreggioconsortium.ca](http://vancouverreggioconsortium.ca)  
Click on Professional Development link

\*sponsored by the  
Vancouver Reggio Consortium

Professional development opportunity for the coming fall.  
[vancouverreggioconsortium.ca](http://vancouverreggioconsortium.ca)

### “Child Care Works So Can I” Campaign Read more.....



### **Hazardcheck: Hazards in your environment - What you can do!**

Every day we come into contact with chemicals that can be present in the air, water, soil or in household products.

*Hazardcheck* is a guide published by Health Canada to inform Canadians about common health risks that can be present in their homes along with potential health impacts. Young children and older adults are especially at risk.

[View and order Hazardcheck](#)



More information.....

**Celebration  
of Play &  
Learning  
Conference**

Nov 8, 2014  
Vancouver  
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[LiberationLearning.ca](http://LiberationLearning.ca)

Save \$20  
Early Bird  
Discount

Tom Kertes  
Jeanne Smith  
Laurie Spitzer  
Kim Atkinson  
Danielle Davis

**Liberation Learning Project**



**BC Family Child Care Association**, the professional organization for Family Child Care providers is pleased to be requesting proposals from partnering organizations and non-profit organizations to conduct Family Child Care workshops.

Workshop bursary funds are available to partnering organizations and/or non-profit organizations to assist them in the development of workshops for Family Child Care providers so that they have access to quality workshops and training related to their field.

Funding provided by the Ministry of Children & Family Development. For more information click on the Workshop Funding tab on our website: [www.bcfcca.ca](http://www.bcfcca.ca)



### **“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**

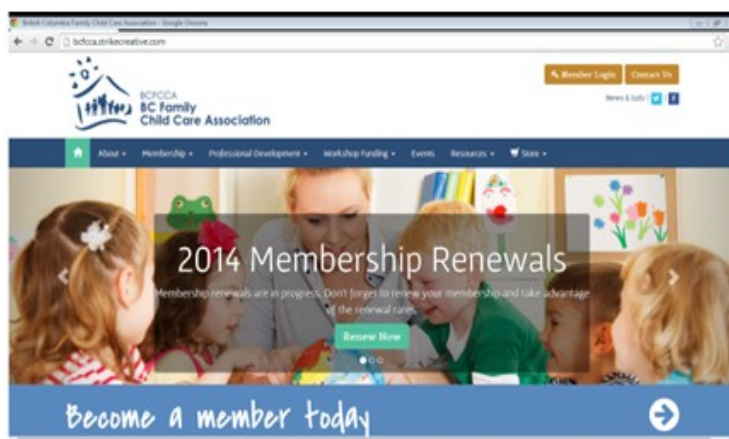
## News to Know



## Little Fox Run



The Terry Fox Foundation is looking for daycares and preschools to host their very own Little Fox Run! This fun filled event teaches children the value of giving, raises cancer awareness, and provides them with the opportunity to be a part of the Marathon of Hope. As a host, you will have the creativity to plan a route and determine how you would like to fundraise. The children could make a wish and throw their donations into a "Wishing Well" or participate in a "Loonie Parade" as you map out Terry's route with loonies on a giant map of Canada. We hope you will join us in continuing Terry's battle against cancer and be a part of his dream of finding a cure. If you are interested in registering your childcare centre for the 2014 Little Fox Run, please call 1-888-836-9786 or email bcevents@terryfoxrun.org.



**NEW!**

**EXCITING!**

New features include:

- ◇ Easier to access information, membership renewals, BCFCCA store and Workshop Funding.
- ◇ A member login area that only members can access for resources. (The members only area will be open for everyone to view until August 1st, 2014 after that date, the area will be locked and once your membership has been renewed you will be given access for the current membership year.)
- ◇ For our Good Beginnings Facilitators you will also have a login section and also one for your students, where resources can be found.

# In Response

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Letter: Child care costs more than teachers**  
[Click here to read the letter](#)

To the Editor of

RE: CHILD CARE COSTS MORE THAN TEACHERS

I would like to comment on the article published on Thursday June 12th.

As a child care provider, I would like to say that \$38 a day is very reasonable child care rate as you can spend more on Doggy Day Care and many do.

Yes, today's teachers have their hands full, no doubt. A small classroom size can be as few as 25 students. There are likely Special Education students and behaviour challenges in that classroom as well. Perhaps there is a Special Education Assistant in the classroom or parent helper or both. I know teachers who spend a lot of that time dealing with behaviour issues and other distractions that limit her or his actual teaching time. Classroom composition is not what it used to be for sure. Actual time with the students is approximately 6 hours. It is also recognized that teachers have preparation time as well as classroom set up and down and also time preparing report cards. Any teacher of our children is of GREAT WORTH!

However, please do not insult child care providers by insinuating we are only child supervisors. I can assure you that any child care professional does a lot more than only supervise. A child care provider can be a mediator, medic, cook, nutritionist, naturalist, safe haven for hugs and love, etc. and some of these jobs are done simultaneously. A child care provider works with the children for an average of 10 hours per day, when the parents have to account for travel time to and from their place of work. Most of the providers that I know work up to an additional 2 hours per day on average doing preparation and clean up. There is no grievance time paid, no signing bonuses, no strike pay and no overtime. Each of us negotiates his or her own contract/business practices and the competition in the North Fraser Valley area is fierce. Parent interviews are normally done in the hours that the child care is not open like evening appointments when the parents and provider are available.

We also work with a variety of other professional organizations such as Supported Child Care, The Child Development Centre and the Child Care Resource and Referral. Most professional child care providers are regulated and inspected by the Provincial Health Department and have opportunity to belong to professional organizations associated with child care. With belonging to these other organizations providers have the opportunity to upgrade their skills and knowledge with ongoing training which is taken in the off hours of work like evenings and weekends.

There is always the need to be versatile with your activities and programming as we work with multi age groups from under a year to after school age. Large centres and Family child care facilities have many expenses as well. We have expenses like start-up costs and yearly maintenance of equipment costs. I myself have my children in music lessons, a French program and a I have a person on staff which is all coming out of the parents fees. I include field trips and a variety of other on and off site activities as well as a basic preschool program. Children who are in regulated care are prepared for school when the time comes for them to enter the school system. I personally have one month off without pay in the summer and spend approximately two weeks of that time preparing my facility for September.

Again, please do not insult us by insinuating we are only supervisors of children. We are teachers, healers, mothers and fathers, entertainers, mediators, transportation providers, janitors, artists, dieticians, cooks, and extended family. Most of us know will never get rich doing what we do, we do it for the love of the profession.

Like school teachers, we are doing what we love and are completely dedicated to our children in our care and to their families.

Sincerely,

Kathy Mang

Nana's Angels Family Daycare

President of the North Fraser Child Care Association

Website: <http://northfraserchildcareassociation.wordpress.com/>

North Fraser Child Care Association is a member of BC Family Child Care Association [www.bcfcca.ca](http://www.bcfcca.ca) and Canadian Child Care Federation. <http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/>





# Ice Cream in a Bag

## Step 1

Put milk & Sugar in large bag and seal.  
Add vanilla or cocoa for flavour and choc chips

## Step 2

Put the ice & Salt in small bag

## Step 3

Put the small bag inside large bag

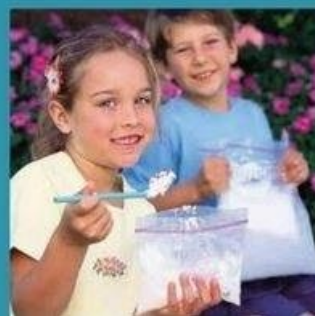
## Step 4

Shake the bag continuously for 10 minutes  
until mixed together and frozen.  
(remember bag will get cold!)

You will need  
2 sandwich bags, 1 large,  
1 small (ziploc)  
1/2 cup milk  
1 1/2 tbspn sugar  
1/2 tsp vanilla extract  
2 trays ice  
6 tbspn salt  
choc chips

## Step 5

After shaking  
your icecream it  
is ready  
to eat!



## BC Family Child Care Association

Opinions expressed in this publication are those of the contributor, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the BC Family Child Care Association (BCFCCA). The Caregiver E-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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Email: [office@bcfccca.ca](mailto:office@bcfccca.ca)

**As a Child Care Professional, you are continually exploring and learning to enhance the quality of your profession.**

**We invite you to share with our membership some of the unique resources you have created or implemented to ensure quality in family child care.**

**If you would like to be featured in one of our newsletters, please contact BCFCCA at [office@bcfccca.ca](mailto:office@bcfccca.ca) or contact one of our Co-Chairs at [chair@bcfccca.ca](mailto:chair@bcfccca.ca)**

In order to best represent you, BC Family Child Care Association 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 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.

Visit us at:  
[www.bcfcca.ca](http://www.bcfcca.ca)







## BC Family Child Care Association

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Fax (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Member since: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Member

☐ Renewal

☐ Recognized Good Beginnings Facilitator

Permission to publish name for membership list purpose: ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Annual Membership Fee is \$45** (includes membership with the Canadian Child Care Federation)

Membership valid Sept. 1st—Aug. 31st.

**Attention: Membership**

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### 2015 BC Family Child Care Association

### Record Keeping Calendar For Child Care Professionals

Item	Member Price	Non-member	Qty.	Total
BCFCCA Annual Record Keeping Calendar	\$20.00	\$25.00		
Early Bird Orders <u>received by August 31, 2014</u> will save \$2.00 per calendar.	\$18.00	\$23.00		
(GST and PST are not applicable.)	Sub-Total			
Shipping: Minimum charge: \$4.00 per calendar. For multiple calendars please contact the office.	Add Shipping & Handling			
Calendars will be available the end of November	Total Due			