

BC FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

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"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

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CHAIR REPORT



Well it is hard to believe another year has flown by again and here we are reflecting over some of the happenings of 2015!

In June we had Jeff Johnson at our Annual Conference and AGM in Victoria with 91 members and non-members in attendance. We all got enthused about messy play, loose parts and just getting in there to play with just about anything we can find. I was watching how many were intrigued by the drills and getting in there to paint on that canvas.

Then we had the longest election campaign in history, a record 78 days of campaigning with October 19, 2015 as the date we all headed off to the polls. It was great to hear child care was a topic that voters were discussing. It did not matter which side people stood on at least the discussion was started. Now our job is to keep that discussion going in any way we can.

Also with this election we all hoped that the younger voters were getting out to vote and to realize that elections do matter!

We saw gender equality in Prime Minister Trudeau's selection of cabinet and his answer was "Because it's 2015!". That answer is speaking very true to many Canadians and I think is long overdue!

Then we have "Nanny Gate" starting up another conversation but I think we need to focus not on who is paying for child care but that child care is a very needed profession for all Canadians to carry on their jobs and that perhaps people should realize that child care is not primarily the woman's job anymore! Maybe gender equality is needed in child care too!

Whatever the conversation is we need to keep child care in the minds of all Canadians and keep the talking going. The more people realize the benefits of quality child care for our future the better!

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, BCFCCA Chair

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MEMBER GROUPS

Southern Vancouver
Island Child Care
Association



North Fraser Child Care
Association



Vancouver Family Child
Care Association



As of September, SVIFCCA started its new year with 34 individual members and 4 group members. In August we had our Touch-a-Truck fundraising with Western Speedway and received another \$5500.00 and we have been invited back again for next year. We are very excited about this. We had 13 volunteers who helped parents and children make crafts and color trucks along with other activities. It was once again a great success. We are looking forward to having more great Speakers and more Workshops.

We have already started the year with a great workshop with Lise-Lotte Loomer presenting "Story a Workshop". This month the Saanich Emergency Planning Division is coming to teach us what to do when a disaster strikes and how to survive on your own for 7 days. In November, Dr. Diane Munz will speak on Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

Come December we have no meeting but we will be having our annual Xmas party for the Membership Daycares. There will be crafts, food, Maxine the music lady and of course Santa Claus. Each child receives a gift bag from Santa. This is always an exciting day.

Our Fundraising is taking on a new challenge of selling Shitake or Oyster mushroom Growing Kits along with many new products on our craft table.

Field Trips for the Association have been off to a good start with the Healing Farm with Bees in September, Galey Pumpkin Farm and the Goldstream salmon run for this month and we are looking at Butchard Gardens for November.

To round out my report I want to let you know we are trying out an Online Auction with 3 items up for bidding. At the moment it is just a link between our Memberships until all the bugs are worked out.

As you can see we have been off to a great start of our fiscal year.

It has been awhile since we have had a report. We have not tried to involve ourselves with workshops because of the activity from our CCRR in Pit Meadows and Maple Ridge. We have discussed getting together with them for a workshop in the future.

Right now we are fundraising with Purdy's for the Christmas Hamper Society.

We have had several activities from Summer on. We have been to the fish hatchery, bees and butterflies, the Laity Pumpkin Patch and in July a group picnic at a local splash park.

Our meetings are monthly and every other month we meet for a dinner out.

We have one of the girls that works to keep up with our Facebook page and web page. We do have an activities person and an excellent treasurer. Most of the calls, emails and other kinds of organizing I am doing myself. We would welcome a board member to attend a meeting

New Board Members of VFCCA for 2015 to 2016.

President: Suee Lee

Vice President: Isolde Hager

Secretary: Luz Raschella

Treasurer: Shahnaz Tabatabaei

Director of Education: Reddy Chan

Director of Public Relations: Jessie Zheng

We had the women's safety workshop yesterday with 23 participants.

The participants looked very satisfied with the workshop.

We have so far 32 members including 5 people who registered the membership yesterday.

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
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Surrey, BC V3W 4Z9**



Your Opinion is Important!

The BC Family Child Care Association is conducting this survey to help determine the views of our members and communities. We are looking for your feedback on the \$10 a day BC Child Care Plan www.10aday.ca

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts on this topic. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FLPVRCM>

**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/>

"When I approach a child, he
inspires in me two
sentiments...

Tenderness for what he is and
Respect for what he may
become"

— Louis Pasteur

Up and Coming



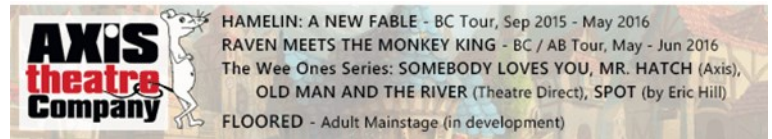
CHILDREN
the Heart of
the MATTER

January 15 & 16
2016



19th Annual Conference
Bell Performing Arts Centre
6250 144 Street, Surrey, BC

<http://www.childcareoptions.ca/children-the-heart-of-the-matter/about-the-conference/>



Axis Theatre Company has actively pursued a multidisciplinary style of physical theatre for 40 years. Employing mime, clown, mask work, puppetry, text, music, and acrobatics, Axis has earned 16 Jessie Richardson Theatre awards from the Vancouver community.

This year we're bringing Terra Theatre's SPOT THE DOG to the Norman Rothstein theatre all the way from the Netherlands for a limited 3-day run to introduce our brand new Wee Ones Series. Based on Eric Hill's popular children's book series this musical incorporates life-sized puppets, full-scale sets, dance, singing, and an interactive story for children ages 3-7. www.axis theatre.com



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"If a child can't learn the way we teach,
maybe we should teach the way
they learn."

— Ignacio Estrada



Dramascapes: Provoking Children to Dramatize Beyond the Housekeeping Corner

Presenter: Elaine Beltran-Selliti
Date: Thursday January 7, 2016
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Location: BNW (Burnaby)
Fee: \$18.00 Members \$22.00 Non-Members
Suitable for child care providers of children 3 - 5 years of age.

In this workshop participants will play with designed play scenarios with toy figurines and animals, recycled materials and background images, escaping to beaches, forests and magic spaces.

Elaine has a background in Early Childhood Education and Elementary school teaching. She coordinates and instructs at the ECE Department at the Burnaby School District Continuing Education. She is also a graduate student at SFU researching the role of the teacher in Reggio Emilia inspired long term projects within the emergent curriculum approach

[Click here for more workshops](#)



May 5, 2016
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A Leadership
Journey: It's in
you

Visit ECEBC's event
calendar for more details:
<http://www.ecebc.ca/>

Online registration will be
available in late January
2016.

For scholarship
applications and more
information, please
contact
membership@ecebc.ca

Location:

Radiation Hotel Vancouver
Airport Richmond, BC
8181 Cambie Road,

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Notable News

Child Care – the Liberal Party's platform

With this newly elected Prime Minister and a Liberal majority, the question of Child Care will again be brought forward and we will all be watching to see what the new government will do in this area.

The Liberal Party's platform pre-election stated that they would meet with Provinces, Territories and Indigenous Communities to begin work on a new National Early Learning and Child Care Framework. They realize that the child care needs vary from family to family and each Province and Territory have proven that there is not a one-size fits all National Program that would work for all. The Liberal party stated that having a plan that imposed a pre-determined cost on other orders of Government would be impractical and unfair.

We will need to wait and see if the framework they design will be administered in collaboration with Provincial jurisdictions and suit the needs of each Province.

Funding available for schools and daycares to create outdoor classrooms and play areas

The [Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds program](#) helps schools create outdoor classrooms to provide students with a healthy place to play, learn and develop a genuine respect for nature. Since the program began in 2000, it has provided funds to over 3,000 schools from coast to coast, providing countless opportunities for students to engage with nature on their school grounds. Up to \$3,500 for public schools and daycares located on school Board/District property and applications for the 2015–2016 funding cycle will be accepted on 3 intake dates throughout the school year:

- Monday, September 28, 2015
- Monday, December 14, 2015
- Monday, March 28, 2016

More info: https://charityvillage.com/Content.aspx?topc=Funding_available_for_schools_and_daycares_to_create_outdoor_classrooms_and_play_areas#.VkOAWXwWK71



The Pacific Autism Family Centre and its Hub the Goodlife Fitness Family Autism Hub is a new Centre for excellence for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and related disorders, and their families.

The Hub is located in Richmond, BC off Cessna Drive and Russ Baker Way, next to BCIT's Aerospace building, and scheduled to open Summer 2016. The three- story facility will integrate, provide and build capacity for a wide range of medical and social supports, home therapy, schooling, psychological counselling, emotional support programs, diet and nutrition, and vocational training as fundamental building blocks of this multidisciplinary resource centre for families.

For more information visit their website: <http://pacificautismfamily.com/>



B.C. government offers capital funding for 1,700 new childcare spaces [Read more](#)



[Read more](#)

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19th ANNUAL REPORT CARD ON CANADA'S COMMITMENT TO END CHILD POVERTY BY 2000

If this is our most important national treasure... Shouldn't affordable, high-quality child care be considered a national asset?

We are the Canadian Child Care Federation, and frankly, we'd like everyone to take a whole new look at the importance of early learning and child care, delivered in a way that Canadians can afford. This crucial system is driven by excellence in research and education, and expressed by professional practitioners and educators.

Early learning and child care programs prepare our youngest citizens to be all that they can be. We believe child care is an essential service, given – from the heart – by Canadian professionals who place enormous importance on the value of our children.

Affordable, high-quality early learning and child care: let's make our children a national priority.

www.qualitychildcarecanada.ca
#wevaluechildren
CANADIAN CHILD CARE FEDERATION
FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES SERVICES DE GARDES À L'ENFANCE



Baby Food Jar Snow Globes

www.craftaholicsanonymous.net/

Supplies:

Empty baby food jars
Mini fake trees
Goo Gone
Glycerin {I found it at the Walmart pharmacy}
Glass & Bead glue OR Epoxy
Glitter {colored chunkier glitter works best. Don't use clear or fine glitter}
Gold spray paint
Distilled water

Remove the labels off the jars and clean off the glue with Goo Gone.
Spray paint the lids gold {or desired color}.

Put a little glue on both the inside of the lid and the bottom of the fake tree. Allow to dry for 1-2 minutes and then press the tree onto the lid. Allow to dry for 24 hours. 4.

Add about 1 teaspoon of glitter into each jar.

Fill with distilled water and add 5 drops of Glycerin. {5 drops seemed to work the best.} Screw the lid {with the tree} onto the top and you've got yourself the cutest mini snow globe ever!

And that is how you make Baby Food Jar Snow Globes!



CAN CHILD CARE FEES GET ANY HIGHER? REPORT SHOWS CHILD CARE FEES ACROSS CANADA ARE STILL RISING AND UNAFFORDABLE FOR CANADIAN FAMILIES

DECEMBER 10, 2015

OTTAWA — [The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives](#) (CCPA) new report, *2015 Child Care Fees in Canadian Cities* reveals that child care fees for most Canadian families continue to rise, vary dramatically across the country and are very expensive in some cities. The only effective way of lowering and managing these unaffordable fees is to provide direct operational support to child care programs. Further, the report provides support for national leadership and planning that supports a national child care system for Canadian families.

“The financial pressure from sky-high child care fees is a tremendous stress for many Canadian families,” said Don Giesbrecht, Canadian Child Care Federation CEO. “This report adds further evidence that Canada needs a national child care plan and one that supports families through affordable fees as well as high quality services from which to choose. It is time for governments across Canada to come together and work collectively for the benefits of Canada’s children and families.”

This new report, supported by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) recaps that of the previous year’s report with the addition of five more cities and a review of low income subsidy systems in each city. It surveys fees for three age categories of child care (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) in 27 Canadian cities, and the different subsidization regimes that reduce fees for low-income families.

“In the highest fee city of Toronto, it is normal for a couple with two children under five to pay \$28,300 in annual child care fees,” the report states. “That is the equivalent of 48% of the median family after-tax income in that city, but high costs are just part of the challenge. Even where families can afford to pay this much for child care they will often face long waiting lists due to significant shortfalls in available regulated spaces.

The report concludes, “Canada’s child care systems can vary dramatically from province to province and city to city, but two things hold true in nearly all places: child care is expensive and regulated spaces are hard to find..”

They Go Up So Fast: Child Care Fees in Canada 2015 is available on the CCPA website: <http://policyalternatives.ca>

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

Direct Ph: 613-729-5289 ext 220 Cell: 204-223-9369

12 Tips For Holiday Home Safety

1. **Merry and Bright:** Carefully inspect holiday light strings each year and discard any with frayed cords, cracked lamp holders, or loose connections. When replacing bulbs, unplug the light string and be sure to match voltage and wattage to the original bulb.
2. **Lights Out:** Always turn off holiday lights when you leave the house unattended or when going to bed.
3. **Fresh Is Best:** Try to purchase a freshly cut tree, as they are more resistant to ignition. Keep your Christmas tree watered and away from open candles.
4. **Timing Is Everything:** Use an outdoor timer certified by CSA International to switch lights on and off. Lights should be turned on after 7 p.m. to avoid the electricity rush hour.
5. **Check for the Certification Mark:** When purchasing light strings, extension cords, spotlights, electrical decorations, gas appliances, or carbon monoxide alarms, look for the certification mark of an accredited certification organization such as CSA International, UL, or ETL to ensure that the products comply with applicable standards for safety and performance.
6. **One and Done:** Never connect more than one extension cord together; instead use a single cord that is long enough to reach the outlet without stretching, but not so long that it can get easily tangled.
7. **The Great Outdoors:** When hanging outdoor lights, keep electrical connectors off the ground and away from metal rain gutters. Use insulated tape or plastic clips instead of metal nails or tacks to hold them in place.
8. **Climbing Up:** Using a ladder when you put up lights? Choose the correct ladder for the job and double check for a certification mark to ensure your portable ladder complies with applicable standards.
9. **Keep the Gas Behind Glass:** Do not use your gas fireplace if the glass panel is removed, cracked, or broken, and only allow a qualified service person to replace fireplace parts.
10. **Sound the Alarm:** Test your smoke alarms monthly to make sure they work, and be sure to install smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms on every level of your home -- especially near sleeping areas.
11. **Filter-Friendly Furnace:** To help prevent CO hazards in your home, have a qualified heating contractor perform a yearly maintenance check of your furnace and venting system, and clean or replace your furnace filter frequently during the heating seasons.
12. **Clean the Clutter:** Do not store combustible materials such as gasoline, propane, paper, chemicals, paint, rags, and cleaning products near your gas furnace. Gasoline or propane cylinders should be stored outside the home.

Source: CSA International





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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.

Visit us at: www.bcfcca.ca

All of us have moments in our lives that test our courage. Taking children into a house with a white carpet is one of them.

— Erma Bombeck

