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FALL 2023

Welcome to the fall edition of Williams Lake Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR) program, at Women's Contact Society.

Fall means focusing on Truth & Reconciliation, the start of a new school year and lots of opportunity for professional development.

CCRR will be hosting their annual Child Care Fall Conference on Saturday, October 21, 2023 (refer to page 6). This *in person* event will include:

- ✓ presentations from Interior Health Primary Care, Denisiqi Service Society, All Nations Healing House, Ministry of Children and Families and Cariboo Chilcotin Child Development Center. *Each of these agencies have grown and/or changed over the past few years along with services, staff, resources, and contacts. As advocates for children and families, it is important to stay up to date with agencies and programs in the community that support the development and wellness of children and families.*
- ✓ Foundations of Inclusive Child Care
- ✓ Challenging Behaviours, Difficult Conversations, Collaborating with Caregivers/Families

CCRR will be organizing another Communities of Practice (COP) this winter to discuss and build practices around Inclusivity and Challenging Behaviours. This COP will be 4 to 5 virtual evening sessions, closing out with a one day in person session in the Spring of 2024. COP's provide space to discuss and formulate new knowledge to advance professional practice while developing a close community of likeminded people who connect on a regular basis.

Big News!!

We're moving September 18th and 19th, 2023, and our offices will be closed.

Effective September 20, 2023, we will reopen at 202-350 Barnard Street, Williams Lake, BC, V2G 4T9 (approximately one block from where we are now). If you require assistance while our offices are closed, please contact Child Care BC at 1-888-338-6622, Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Welcome letter cont'd...

Here's what CCRR has coming up:

- Our office will be open the 1st Saturday of each month from 9:00am to 12:00pm, **by appointment only**. This will allow Individuals needing assistance outside of regular business hours, access to CCRR services and supports. Email ccrr@womenscontact.org to book an appointment.
- **Sept 23rd** SD27's annual 3-year-old Roundup, Marie Sharpe school, 10:00am-1:00pm
- **Sept 23rd** Child Care First Aid
- **Oct 21st** Annual Child Care Conference (7 professional development hours available)
- **Nov 18th** Baby Fest (welcoming all babies born in 2023 as well as 2022 if you missed this event last year)
- **Nov 25th** Child Care First Aid

September 30, 2023, is **Orange T-shirt Day** and **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation**. Below are links to learn the history of residential schools and ways to educate and practice reconciliation.

- <https://orangeshirtday.org/>
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>

British Columbia Early Learning Framework, pg 104

Reconciliation: an ongoing individual and collective process that follows from engaging the truth of colonial histories. It is about establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in this country. For reconciliation to happen, "there has to be awareness of the past, acknowledgement of the harm that has been inflicted, atonement for the causes, and action to change behaviour" (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, 2015, p. 6).

To stay up to date on CCRR and community events in Williams Lake, follow us on [Facebook](#).

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The Ministry of Education and Child Care provides funding to CCRRs, which work in partnership with government to improve the accessibility, affordability, and quality of childcare in all B.C. communities.

What's New

ChildCareBC Bulletin #68 For September 7, 2023.

- The Minister of State for Child Care will be hosting a September town hall
- Severe wildfire and drought conditions throughout British Columbia
- How to prepare your child care centre for a heat event
- ChildCareBC Awards of Excellence spotlight: Japanese Language Consultants (JLC) Victoria
- Reminder: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on September 30
- Reminder: Grants are available to help international and francophone ECEs join B.C.'s child care sector

Inclusive Child Care welcomes, supports, and values individual strengths and needs of each child, providing access to participate in all aspects of childcare programs.

Refer to the following links for training and information:

<https://bcearlyyearshub.ca/courses/foundations-inclusive-child-care-training/>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/child-care/running-a-daycare-or-preschool/inclusive-child-care-toolkit/inclusive-childcare-toolkit.pdf>

**Need help with the Affordable Child Care Benefit?
Looking for child care?
Taking care of children? Need child care training?
Interested in operating child care in your home?**

Contact your local CCRR office in Williams Lake for free support:

250-392-4118

ccrr@womenscontact.org

Serving the Cariboo-Chilcotin region



Your community's best resource of child care information and resources.



gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/how-to-access-child-care/child-care-resource-referral-centre

Good info

Child Care BC Links:

[child-care-free-reduction-initiative](#)

[Affordable childcare benefit](#)

[ACCB Estimator](#)

[#10-a-day-childcare](#)

[Young-parent-childcare program \(while attending school\)](#)

[How to access childcare](#)

[Providing childcare](#)

[Funding for creating new childcare spaces, start up, operating a childcare business.](#)

**Contact: 1-888-338-662, Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm
(Excluding holidays)**



Workshops & Professional Training

Follow CCRR's [Facebook page](#)

OR

[The Early Years BC Events](#) Professional Development hub
for training opportunities throughout BC.

What is inclusion?

Inclusion is an approach that goes beyond just accepting differences. It can be a way of creating equity. Inclusive programs focus on helping every child and every family—feel welcome, respected and valued. Inclusion affirms the right to full access for groups who have historically been excluded.

Inclusion is an ongoing process. It calls for us as care providers and educators to value diversity and to make adjustments that empower children and their families to be fully involved in aspects of our programs.

Diverse early learning programs can, and should, be welcoming places for all children and their families. This works best when we strive to reduce the effects of bias and get curious. For example:

- a child wasn't eating at snack time which was concerning staff. Staff got curious and talked with the family and learned the child is hand fed. Adjustments were made to provide snacks that the child could manage themselves while in care.
- Independence. Not all cultures teach their children to dress themselves at an early age. For some, it is an honor for the parent to carry out this task.

Did you know that the Early Years Professional Development Hub offers a course on inclusion? Here at the CCRR we took advantage of this course this summer and are now planning on offering some professional development opportunities this fall and winter regarding inclusive practices in childcare programs. For now, we want to leave you to ponder this quote by Dr. Stuart Shanker.



by Estella Stennes
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Williams Lake CCRR Annual Child Care Conference

****in person only****

Saturday October 21st, 2023

Women's Contact Society
202-350 Barnard St,

8:30AM-4:00PM

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

\$25 Registration Fee

Williams Lake,

30 SEATS AVAILABLE

Who are the people in our neighborhood?

Meet local agencies and learn about services available to children, families & communities

INCLUSIVITY:

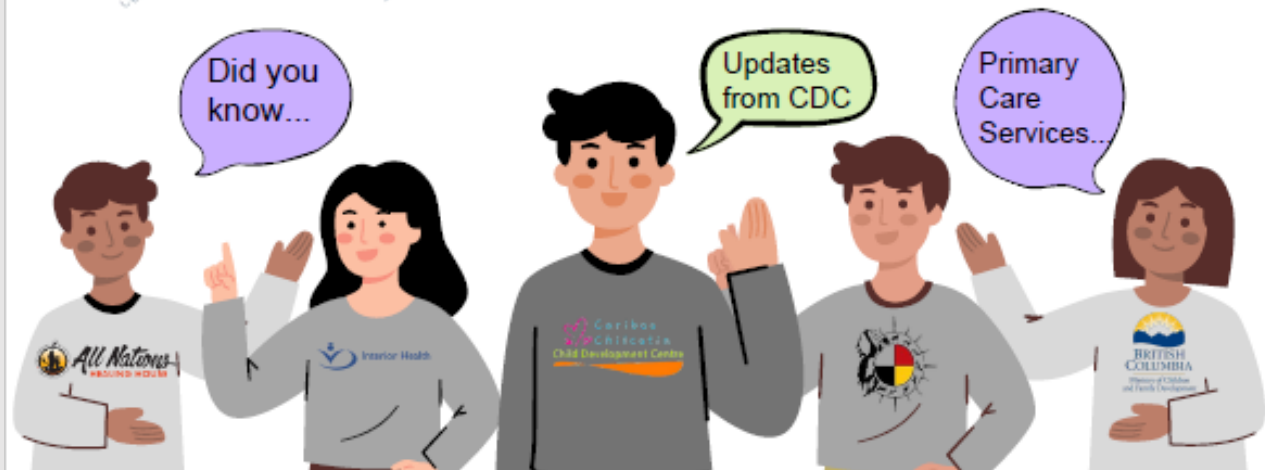
Let's talk about the ways WE can be more inclusive

Challenging Behaviors:

Understanding behaviors and collaborating with parents/guardians/caregivers



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Baby Fest

Welcoming babies born in 2023

Join us in the **Gibraltar Room** (525 Proctor St)

Sat, Nov 18, 2022 from 10:00am-1:00pm



Free Event

Meet local agencies and learn about programs and services while you fill up a bag of goodies.

For information, **email** ccrr@womenscontact.org
or **call** 250-392-4118



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Pediatric First Aid

Date: Saturday, Nov 25, 2023

Instructor: Combined Workplace Safety Consulting Inc
Alexa Jeffry

Location: Women's Contact Society
202-350 Barnard St, Williams Lake

Time: 8:30am to 4:00/4:30pm

Cost: \$150.00 per person

- ⇒ Payment required **by Nov 16, 2023**
- ⇒ \$25.00 cancellation fee (72 hours notice required)
- ⇒ Valid **photo ID** required in order to receive certificate

To Register:

email ccrr@womenscontact.org or call **250-392-4118**

