

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

Virtual Education Options

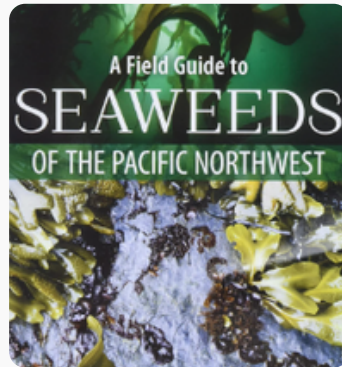
Early Years Thriving 

BC Early Years Professional Development Hub
Healthy Minds BC

Gender and Gender Diversity in Early Childhood Education

Supporting Newcomer Children and Families

Early Childhood Pedagogy Network



Spring has sprung! With so much natural beauty all around us, why not borrow a light box and a [Learn about Seaweed](#) to see what you can discover along the coast. Hope to see you out there!

Nadia Ellis



Featured **SPRING** Craft

HANGING NATURE EASTER EGG CRAFT

Make an egg out of cardboard, then decorate it with all sorts of materials that were gathered from nature.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Twine
- Glue
- Collected nature bits

INSTRUCTIONS

Cut an egg shape out of cardboard and poke a hole for hanging. Attach twine. Go on a nature walk! Collect assorted nature bits, design and glue on to cardboard.

CCRR EVENTS and EDUCATION SESSIONS

Deep Learning with Everyday Materials in the Inquiry Classroom with Misty Paterson

April 2nd 7pm-9pm: \$15

VIRTUAL

[Click here to register](#)

Emergency Child First Aid with Alert First

April 26th 9:00am-5:30pm: \$80

Brentwood Bay

[Click here to register](#)

Discovery Time At the Salt Spring CCRR for Families

April 25th 10am-12pm: FREE Drop In Salt Spring Island

The Early Learning Framework: Inviting Joy and Wonder with Kim Atkinson

April 30th 6:15pm-8:15pm: \$10

VIRTUAL

[Click here to register](#)

Childcare Professionals Workshop: Creative Card Making with Loose Craft Parts

May 6th 6:15pm-8:15pm: FREE

Brentwood Bay

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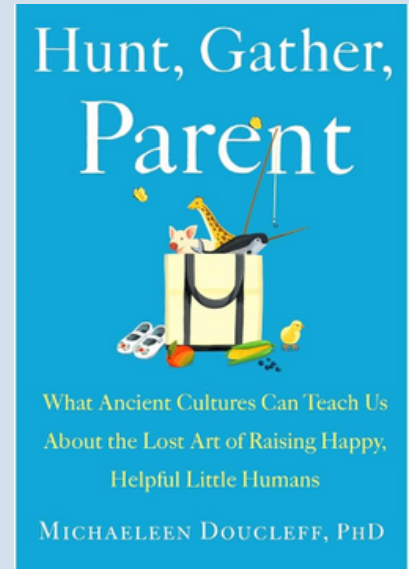
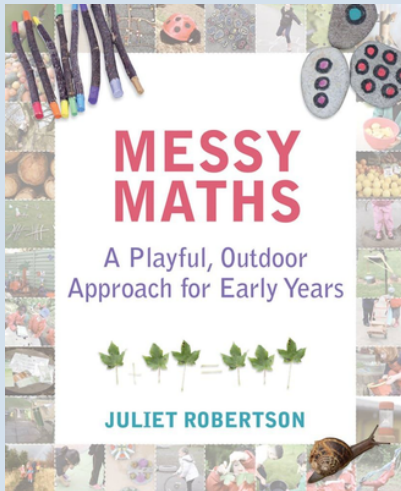


Professional Learning Opportunities

- [Behaviour in the Early Years](#)
- [The Foundations of Inclusive Child Care Training Part 1](#)



OUR FEATURED BOOKS TO BORROW FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL



CHECK OUT
OUR CATALOG:



Sign up for our Lending Library



Educator & Childcare Worker Events




Deep Learning with Everyday Materials in the Inquiry Classroom with Misty Paterson



Want to create playful and thoughtful material encounters for your learners? Practice pairing everyday materials with three brain-boosting learning experiences that are fun too. Walk away with practical and accessible ideas to try in your context, including a mini studio setup, even on a budget.




**April 2, 2025
7-9pm
VIRTUAL**


Register for the course to receive the link

**\$15 for the 2 hours session.
Payments to be sent to
CCRRPayments@beaconcs.ca**

The Early Learning Framework Inviting Joy and Wonder with Kim Atkinson


In this session participants will be introduced to the Early Learning Framework and to the ideas, language and concepts it sets forth. We will explore how the framework can be a provocation for reflection and discuss how to bring joy and wonder into learning and practice. The intention of this session is provide a starting point for educators to create ongoing, collaborative dialogues that will... 'support the creation of rich, joyful early childhood spaces where children, adults, ideas, and materials come together, and where knowledge is constructed about learning and living in ways that are local, inclusive, ethical, and democratic'. (British Columbia Early Learning Framework, 2019, p.11).



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Salt Spring Family Events



DISCOVERY TIME AT THE SALT SPRING CCRR

Families with young children are invited to join us for this open house event to discover and explore with our senses

**· FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH ·
10AM TO 12PM**

346 Lower Ganges Rd- (next to Dagwoods)

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OFFERED




MINISTRY UPDATES

Canada–British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement Funding Extension

On March 6, the Government of Canada announced agreements with 11 of 13 provinces and territories to extend current early learning and child care agreements until March 31, 2031.

This extension provides an additional \$36.8 billion over five years and a 3% funding increase every year for four years, starting in 2027–28, to help provinces and territories respond to inflationary pressures. British Columbia will receive \$5.38 billion in funding over five years (2026–27 to 2030–31) to support the stability of early learning and child care in B.C.

In July 2021, the Province became the first jurisdiction in Canada to sign the \$3.2 billion Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement with the federal government. This milestone marked a significant achievement, highlighting our shared dedication and collaboration in creating a community-based child care system. In addition, B.C.'s Budget 2025 provides nearly \$2.6 billion over three years to continue to implement the ChildCareBC plan.

Together, these investments will help families with child care costs, expand access to care and support the workforce and providers in delivering quality services to families living in B.C.

Reminder: Year Two of the Specialized Certification Grant for eligible ECEs

The Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Specialized Certification Grant, administered by the Early Childhood Educators of BC (ECEBC), recognizes Infant Toddler Educators and Special Needs Educators for their enhanced credentials and certification and incentivizes ECEs to upskill and obtain these specialized certificates.

This annual grant recognizes ECEs holding at least one specialized certificate currently working with children from birth to age five in a licensed child care or Aboriginal Head Start child care program and who have been working in the child care sector for at least 12 months. For more information on the ECE Specialized Certification Grant, including eligibility and how to apply, please visit the Specialized Certification Grant page on ECEBC's website.

At ChildCareBC, we are dedicated to supporting every child in living a happy, healthy life and reaching their full potential. This includes ensuring equitable access to inclusive child care, where children of all abilities and backgrounds can fully engage in early learning and care activities

[ChildCare Bulletin](#) updated March 12th 2025

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