

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

VIRTUAL EDUCATION OPTIONS

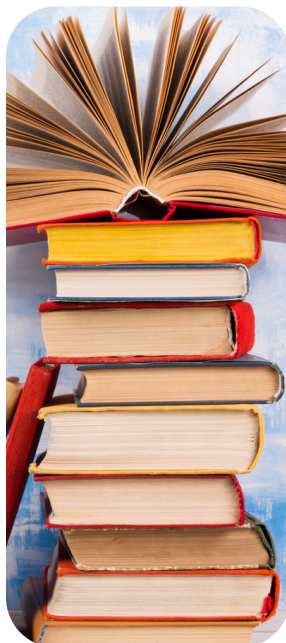
Early Years Thriving 

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



NEW CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR FREE LENDING LIBRARY COMING IN JUNE TO THE SALT SPRING CCRR

Thanks to the generosity and efforts of the Woodworking Team at the Shoal Center and the steady stream of children's books supplied by Beacon Thrift stores as well as 1000x5 Peninsula Children's book recycling project, our shelves are fully stocked - Free children's books are available at both CCRR sites! **Happy Reading!**

Featured SPRING Craft



DANDELION PLAYDOUGH

Do your kids love picking dandelions? Turn them into fun by making naturally dyed play dough!

Ingredients

- 1 cup yellow dandelions packed
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup salt
- 4 tsp cream of tartar
- 2 cups water
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil

Instructions

- Use a knife to cut off the yellow petals from each dandelion, discarding the stems.
- Set aside 2-3 tablespoons of dandelion petals (optional to add later for more texture), then pour the water into a blender and add the remaining dandelions. Run the blender for 20-30 seconds, until most of the dandelions have been pulverized and the water has turned yellow.
- Combine the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a medium wok. If you have set aside some of the chopped dandelions, mix those in as well.
- Add water and vegetable oil and stir until combined.
- Cook on medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture becomes a ball of dough that no longer sticks to the sides of the wok. This should take no more than 5 minutes.
- Set the play dough aside to cool. Once it's cool enough, knead it with your hands until smooth. Then, give it to your child to play with!

CCRR EVENTS and EDUCATION SESSIONS

Discovery Time At the Salt Spring CCRR for Families

June 13th 10:30am–12pm:

FREE Drop In

Salt Spring Island

Boundaries & Work Life Balance with Julie Hansen of Inspired ECE

June 19th 6pm–7pm:

FREE VIRTUAL

[Click here to register](#)

Meet us at the Central Saanich Library

June 25th 11am–12pm:

FREE Drop In

Brentwood Bay

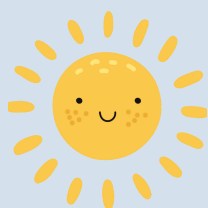
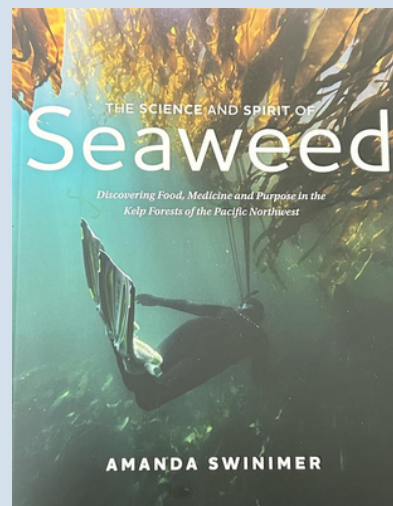
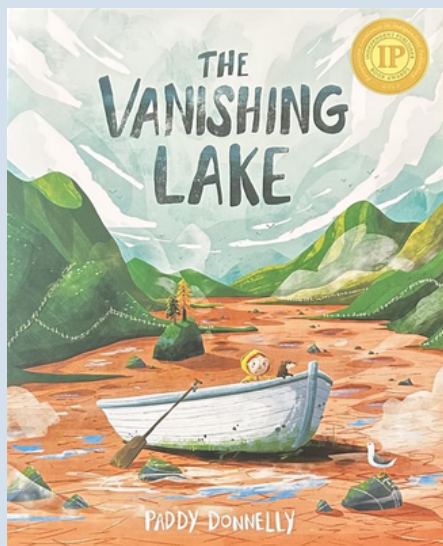


Professional Learning Opportunities

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



OUR FEATURED BOOKS TO BORROW FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE



**CHECK OUT
OUR CATALOG:**



SIGN UP FOR OUR LENDING LIBRARY



CHILD CARE WORKFORCE EVENTS



Are you a Family Child Care Provider?

We are kindly asking you to fill out our survey to see how we can best support you.



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WORKSHOP: BOUNDARIES & WORK LIFE BALANCE WITH JULIE HANSEN OF INSPIRED ECE

Join Our Webinar on Work-Life Balance

Learning about the importance of setting boundaries for team members and yourself as an administrator. It assists in creating a cohesive team culture and supports more opportunities for work life balance for everyone.

Julie Hansen have been an Early Childhood Educator for 24 years. Her goal as an Early Childhood Educator and facilitator is to support fellow educators and early years professionals in providing high-quality early learning experiences for children and families.

At 6:00- 7:00 PM
Thursday, June 19, 2025

VIRTUAL: Teams



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Discovery Time

At the Salt Spring CCRR

Families with young children are invited to this open house event to discover and explore movement

Light Refreshments will be offered

Time: 10:30am-12pm
Date: Friday June 13th
346 Lower Ganges Rd

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Salt Spring Family Events

EARLY LEARNING FAIR

A free, fun, joyful celebration of Early Learning for children from birth to age 5 and their families

A Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions Event
Featuring

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER JIM RADDYSH
ORAL STORYTELLER BRIAN DAY
INDIGENOUS EDUCATOR QUENTIN HARRIS

plus

Facepainting
Schoolbus tour
Crafts
Story Walk

Community resources
Early learning games & takeaways
Refreshments

SUNDAY
June 8, 2025

DROP IN BETWEEN
10:30AM-12:30PM

SALT SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD

SEYKOT Community Planning Team:
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SALT SPRING LIBRARY

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EXCERPTS FROM THE ChildCareBC Bulletin

ChildCareBC Pedagogy Services Town Hall with Parliamentary Secretary Arora

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is seeking feedback from early childhood professionals on accessing pedagogical services and resources. The Early Childhood Pedagogy Program, operated by the Early Childhood Pedagogy Network, offers support through a network of pedagogists that work directly with educators in child care programs, community learning circles and other professional development opportunities and through connections with Child Care Resource and Referral Centres. Their work is guided by B.C.'s Early Learning Framework.

Register by June 9 for the virtual Pedagogy Services Town Hall on Tuesday, June 10 with Rohini Arora, parliamentary secretary for child care, where you will have the opportunity to share your feedback on pedagogy services directly with the Parliamentary Secretary. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the virtual town hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Emergency Management Resource Package and Key Contacts

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has created resources to support child care facilities and school districts with emergency preparedness, response and recovery. The K-12 Education and Child Care: Emergency Management Key Contacts includes key contact information for ministry and partner staff in the event of emergency. This document is intended for child care facilities, school districts and independent schools.

The K-12 Education and Child Care: Emergency Management Resource Package Spring 2025 is a collection of information and resources for child care facilities, school administrators, independent schools, families and community regarding emergency management, wildfires, heat events, mental health and well-being, financial resources and droughts.

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