

Southeast Kootenay Child Care Resource & Referral Monthly Bulletin



April 2025

**Your Community's Best
Source of Child Care
Information and Resources**

GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday & Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please call the office at:

250-426-5677 or 1-800-661-2445

**prior to coming, in case of
unexpected office closures or
meetings, to avoid disappointment!**

SKCCRR STAFF

Program Coordinator

Frankie Seitz

Consultants

Shirley Jowsey

Rachel Drew

Susan Gilchrist

Funding for the CCRR is provided by the Province of British Columbia.

SKCCRR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Toy Lending Library information

Memberships for the Toy Lending Library is now due. Please know that you will be asked to fill out your membership forms for the 2025-2026 year when you come to the office.

Planned Office Closures

- SKCCRR will be closed Friday April 18 and Monday April 21, 2025 for the Easter Long Weekend

Exploring the Early Learning Framework (ELF)

What is Pedagogical Narration? Part 4 of 4

Simply put, pedagogical narration may be thought of in this way:

Listen deeply
Be curious
Embrace wonder
Share the story

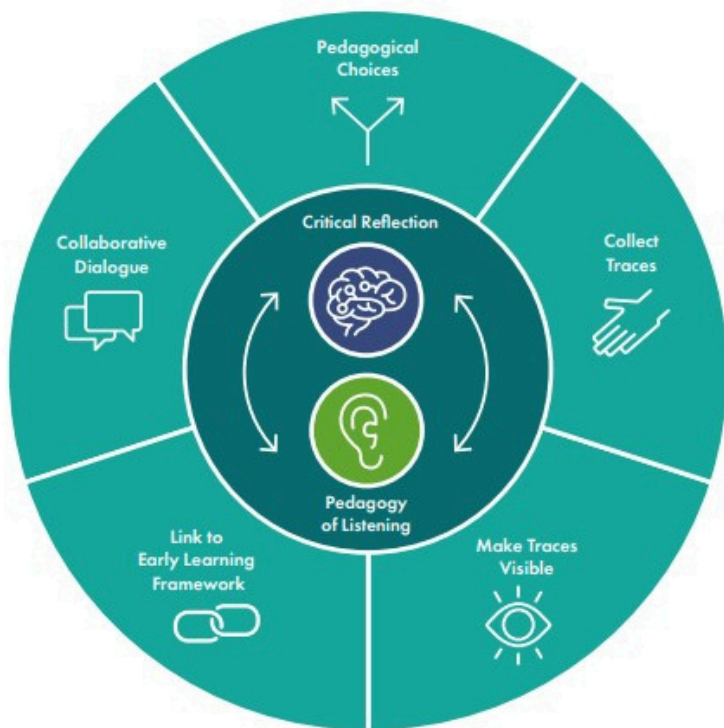


Figure 1 provides an overview of the process of Pedagogical Narration

The process of pedagogical narration

The following describes the components of pedagogical narration; however, it is important to remember that there is no single way to engage with this process. Each person or group must experiment to find what works for them. Working with pedagogical narration is not predictable or linear; instead it is a cyclical process that has stops and starts, with moments of clarity and moments of uncertainty. Be patient. It takes time and practice to become used to noticing, recording, reflecting, and dialoguing about moments. Individuals and groups can start from where they are and take small steps.

SKCCRR Presents:



“Jump in Sing and Play!” A MUSICAL WORKSHOP WITH CHARLOTTE DIAMOND The Song is Just the Beginning!

Sometimes we need to let go of our inhibitions.

“Jump in and Sing!” Finger Play and Musical Fun with Little Ones. The children love the sound of your voice because you are their family, care givers and their teacher. Start your day with songs that move as well as teach language. Singing adds joy to everyday, a love of rhythm, rhyming and the discovery of our voices.

By interpreting the words through props, puppets, gesture, movement and sign language, the ideas are easily understood and retained. Singing together builds a spirit of community and cooperation. Songs help to build our communication skills and appreciation of our cultures and diversity.

Be prepared to take away ideas you can use immediately!
Participation is encouraged with Q & A available after the presentation.

For more ideas, Visit: Teacher’s Corner on Charlotte’s website
www.charlottediamond.com .

For videos and songs, visit Charlotte Diamond Official
YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7s27wsTf-mTxXLtgYabmrQ>

Drawing on her background in the teaching of languages (English, French and Spanish) and music, Charlotte will demonstrate in her PRIZE Method of Teaching Songs and Stories.

- The use of Props (Puppets), Rhythm (Movement), Imagination, Zipper Songs and Echo Songs, which can be effective with all ages.
- Songs such as “May There Always Be Sunshine”, “I am a Pizza” (Je suis une pizza), “Each of us is a Flower”, “Dicky Dinosaur” and “Octopus” (Slippery Fish) provide language patterns that allow the children to create their own songs. Like “I am a Bubble”, based on “I am a Pizza”.
- New songs will be introduced from Charlotte’s latest CD’s, “24 Carrot Diamond – The Best of Charlotte Diamond” and “Diamonds by the Sea”.
- Some songs are Bilingual (French) and include Sign Language.

When: April 10, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm (MDT)

Location: Zoom

Cost: Free (open to Child Care Workforce, Community Partners, and Families *Please note, this is a workshop, not a concert format.*)

To register: email skccrr@ccssebc.com

When registering please provide us with:

- Your full name for certificate purposes
- Email address
- Community you are from
- Whether you are registering as a Parent, Community Partner, or Child Care Workforce
- Program of employment



Features of the Month:

Animal Bouncers 0025, 0141, 4-298



Dentist Kit 4-112 and 4-426

Exploring Bugs 4-272



Activity Ideas



Loose Parts Easter Eggs

<https://littlepinelearners.com/loose-parts-easter-eggs/>



<https://happytoddlerplaytime.com/earth-day-ocean-sort-clean-up-sensory-bin/>



Ocean Clean Up
SENSORY BIN
-HAPPY TODDLER PLAYTIME-



<https://imaginationsoup.net/spring-scavenger-hunt-kids/>

Ktunaxa Language:

First Voices

<https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/>

ka'kkmi - April

[https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/search?q=April
&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory](https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/search?q=April&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory)



?a·kinmi#umayit - early spring

[https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/search?q=spring
&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory](https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/search?q=spring&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory)

kyanuq#umna - Rabbit

[https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/search?q=rabbit
&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory](https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/search?q=rabbit&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory)



?amak - Land, country, earth, ground, soil

[https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/search?q=earth
&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory](https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/search?q=earth&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory)

Child Care Provider Outreach

April Outreach Information:

- Elk Valley Thursday April 3
 - Cranbrook & area Tuesday April 8
 - Kimberley & area Thursday April 10
- * please note that all outreach is subject to weather and road conditions

.....

Please note that if you have toys that are being returned, please ensure that they are clean/sanitized, and that the inventory checklist has been completed prior to pickup.



Find the SKCCRR toy library at:
<https://can.accessit.online/EST21>

Crafty Creations:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/136469458@N07/albums/72157719629135450>



Services through SKCCRR

- **Monthly bulletin – include Early Learning Framework information, programming activity suggestions, and other resources.**
- **Consultation, monthly outreach, and support to all registered child care facilities/programs and the child care workforce - call us even just to chat, vent, brainstorm, and share ideas!**
- **Affordable Child Care Benefit application support (for both providers and families).**
- **Child care referrals.**
- **Professional development, networking, and training sessions for child care providers, child care workforce, families/caregivers, and community partners.**
- **Free toy/equipment/resource lending library.**
- **Information, resources and support in opening up a quality child care facility for Municipalities, Community Partners and other interested possible providers.**
- **Crafty Creations craft store – access to non-toxic, quality craft supplies.**
- **Community consultation, meetings and development.**
- **Laminating service every Tuesday - \$0.75 per linear foot.**
- **Early Years Teams supports.**

We gratefully acknowledge that the land on which we live, and work resides within the unceded traditional territory known as ʔamakís Ktunaxa, the homelands of the Ktunaxa Nation, while recognizing the Métis, Inuit and other Indigenous peoples who live here.



Community Connections
Community Connections Society of Southeast BC

Sponsored by Community
Connections Society
www.ccscranbrook.ca

MISSION: Enhancing the well-being of the diverse people
of our region

VISION: A recognized leader in providing a wide spectrum
of services that support individuals and families

Funding for SKCCRR is provided by the
Province of British Columbia contact 1-888-338-6622, option 4
or www.gov.bc.ca/ChildCareResourceReferralCentres



ChildCareBC

Funding for the CCRR is provided by the Province of British Columbia.



Find us on
Facebook

Southeast Kootenay
CCRR



Have you heard of BC211?

® Connecting people to resources for help, where and when they need it.

We deliver information and referral services for community and government programs, including 211, VictimLink, and the Responsible and Problem Gambling Program. Find more information at: bc211.ca/

The Southeast Kootenay Child Care Resource and Referral (SKCCRR) bulletin is published monthly. Information and advertising in this publication represent the findings and opinions of the respective authors, and do not necessarily represent or reflect the opinions of SKCCRR or Community Connections Society of Southeast BC. Readers with any concerns should seek proper advice before acting and direct any questions to the respective authors/advertisers.