

Southeast Kootenay Child Care Resource & Referral Monthly Bulletin



May 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!**

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

May is Child Care Provider Appreciation Month

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

Thank you!



Behind every child who believes
in themselves is a
teacher
who believed in them first.



Change the World
ONE CHILD AT A TIME



SKCCRR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Important SKCCRR office hours for May

SKCCRR will be closed the following days:

- Wednesday May 7th to Saturday May 10th
inclusive for staff training
 - Monday May 19th for the Victoria Day Stat
 - Thursday May 29th to Saturday June 1st
inclusive for staff training
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Toy Lending Library

- Toy Lending Library Memberships are now due for the 2025 - 2026 borrowing year
- Please ensure that all items - including the bins (inside and out) are cleaned before returning.
- The checklists in the bins are for the borrowers to fill out before the toys are played with and again before they are returned. Please take the time to fill them out completely.

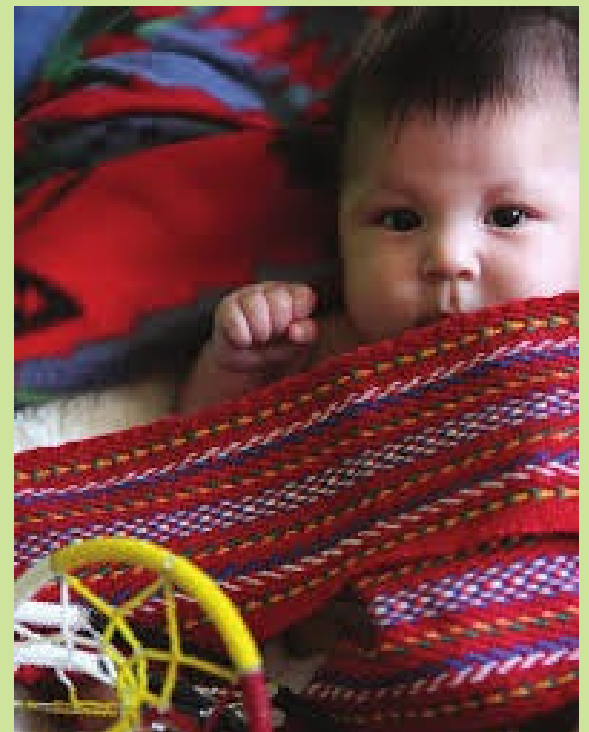
SKCCRR Presents:



MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

“Aansaamb aen kiskayhtaamaahk Learning Together”

We are excited to offer “Aansaamb aen kiskayhtaamaahk – Learning Together”, a professional learning guide and resource kit, along with an interactive professional development workshop. The Workshop is designed to help educators integrate Métis content into early years programming and create learning environments that celebrate Métis culture. We encourage early learning and childcare professionals to deepen their understanding of Métis culture and pedagogy. By incorporating Métis-specific resources, educators can foster greater awareness of Métis identity and culture among young children, families, and communities.



When: Saturday, June 7, 2025

Time: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm (MDT) lunch will be provided

Location: Terry Leggett Hall (Scouts Hall at Idlewild Park)
(3500 13th St S Cranbrook, BC)

Cost: \$10

Payable to Community Connections Society by: cash, cheque, credit, debit, e-transfer.

Includes: lunch & snacks - SKCCRR will be covering the remainder of the costs

See workshop cancellation policy

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 you work at (if applicable)
- Dietary restrictions you may have

Deadline to register: Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

Workshop limited to 25 participants, first come first served

SKCCRR workshop cancellation:

Request for workshop cancellation must be received by 4:00 PM on Friday, May 30, 2025. Cancellation requests received by this deadline will receive a credit voucher (no refunds) to be used towards future conferences/workshops at SKCCRR. Cancellations after this date will receive no credit voucher; however, you can send a substitute in your place. Please call the office to inform us of the substitution.

Exploring the Early Learning Framework (ELF)

Pedagogical Narration in Practice Part 1 of 5



Pedagogical choices:

everything educators choose to do with children, with the environment, materials, traditions, and routines, is a pedagogical choice. This framework is designed to provoke educators to examine why particular choices are made, and to support their efforts to be attentive and intentional in the choices they make.

Collect traces of practice

Collect traces of moments with children. In daily life with children, there are a multitude of moments in which ideas, objects, materials, adults, other children, other species and the environment engage with each other. Choose a moment that draws interest. It may be a moment that surprises, intrigues, is uncomfortable, or brings tension. Work with an inquiry question that guides the focus of noticing and recording. It is not about capturing an outcome or assessing an individual child. Traces make visible a moment of practice and bring attention to learning, thinking, the connections and relationships. Traces of practice in pedagogical narrations can take the form of:

- Materials created by the children, such as drawings, paintings, constructions
- Written field notes
- Digital audio-recordings
- Photographs
- Video clips



Features of the Month:

Wheel Barrow and
Gardening Set
4-738 and 4-739



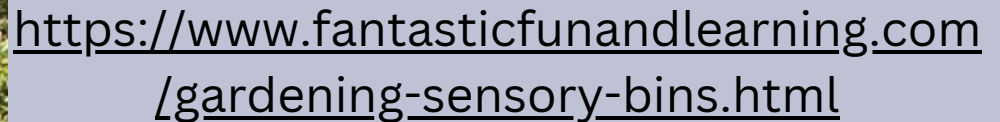
My First Rush Hour Game
4-390

Water Tables
4-160, 4-707, 4-368, 0423



Gardening

Sensory Bin



loose parts play for kids



<https://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/duck-race-fine-motor-sensory-play.html>

Ktunaxa Language:

First Voices

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

?u·ʔumi - May (high water)

<https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=May&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory>



ʔumayitnamu - Spring

<https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=spring&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory>

ɕíkku - Robin

<https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/search=robin&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory>



?itakʔi - To grow, to be growing

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Child Care Provider Outreach

May Outreach Information:

***Important date changes for this month**

- Elk Valley Thursday May 1
- Cranbrook & area Friday May 2*
- Kimberley & area Tuesday May 6*

*** please note that all outreach is subject to weather and road conditions**

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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 – includes up-to-date child care 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 and Community Partners.**
- **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.



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of our region

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

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