

# **Southeast Kootenay Child Care Resource & Referral Monthly Bulletin**



# **July 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

## Important SKCCRR office hours for July

SKCCRR will be closed the following days:

- July 1 for the Canada Day stat
  - Monday July 14 to Wednesday July 16, 2025 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:

## Is Pink for Boys?

**Gender Discourse in ECE Settings**

**Presenter: Ashleigh Davies**



This workshop looks at discussing how we represent gender in the classroom in an inclusive environment.

We look at addressing how we as educators may be influenced by our ideas of gender roles and how they become portrayed in the classroom, discussing ways to make our classrooms inclusive for all children and families.

**When:** July 23, 2025

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

**Location:** Zoom

**Cost:** Free

**To register:** email [skccrr@ccssebc.com](mailto: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

Ashleigh Davies is an early childhood educator with her Bachelors in Early Childhood Education & Care and has worked with children in a variety of roles over the last decade. Ashleigh has worked as a post-secondary instructor, leading ECE post-basic courses and designing curriculum. She currently is the North Shore Community Resources CCRR Assistant Manager and Municipal Consultant. Ashleigh presents her workshops throughout Canada, bringing her passion for ECE into every session.

# Save the Date

**In person conference  
with Laurie McIntosh**



**When: October 4, 2025**  
**Where: Prestige Rocky  
Mountain Resort, Cranbrook**

**Watch for more  
information coming soon!**

Some of the best lessons are anchored in the golden moments of kindness, connection, and community... and these are the moments that Laurie lives for.

With compassion and thoughtfulness, Laurie acknowledges and affirms the accomplishments of teachers and students through connection and relationship.

A cheerleader, storyteller, light bringer, and dreamer, Laurie McIntosh uses her twenty+ years in education to build connections and forge new paths.

With the stories of writing “Teachers These Days” with Dr. Jody Carrington, her appearances on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and The Traitors Season 2, and now a member of the Outside Pin Team with Dr. Shelley Moore, Laurie strives to build community to define and exemplify what it truly means to be a “teacher these days.”

# Exploring the Early Learning Framework (ELF)

## Pedagogical Narration in Practice Part 3 of 5



### Expanding an Idea

Traces of practice and your (emerging) pedagogical narrations can be made public by:

- Posting on the wall, on a bulletin board, or in the entryway.
- In newsletters to parents, families, educators, the community textually, or visually.
- Sending text, audio recordings or digital video to families through email.
- Sharing digitally through social media.
- Printing or projecting on a screen or wall at discussion meetings for families, colleagues.
- Posting on sandwich boards placed inside or outside the centre or school.

### Make the traces visible

Share the traces of practice and the emerging pedagogical narration with others, such as the children and families of the program, as well as colleagues. Sharing this with others makes the moments visible or public.

Documentation of practice becomes pedagogical narration only when brought to life with questions, thoughts, and the interpretations of different people.

Pedagogical narration is not intended to be a record of what happened; rather, it is a lively invitation to share, discuss, challenge, debate, and rework pedagogical understandings and practice.



### Idea:

Consider the diverse abilities in the community and explore multiple ways of sharing pedagogical narrations such as by Braille, with pictures and symbols, or using closed captioning, voice-over, or translations.



# Features of the Month:

River Balance Path  
and River Stones  
4-437



Smore Fun  
4-209 & 4-221

Magnetic Wooden Blocks  
4-371, 4-372, 4-373



# Activity Ideas



<https://handsonaswegrow.com/pipe-cleaner-fishing-game-for-toddlers-activity-fun/>

<https://mamapapabubba.com/2014/01/08/frozen-ocean-animal-rescue-salt-water-ice-play/>



<https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/super-soaker-sponge-balls-kids-love/>

# Ktunaxa Language:

## First Voices

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

### kuku s'qumu - July (ripening of serviceberries)

[https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=July  
&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory](https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=July&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory)

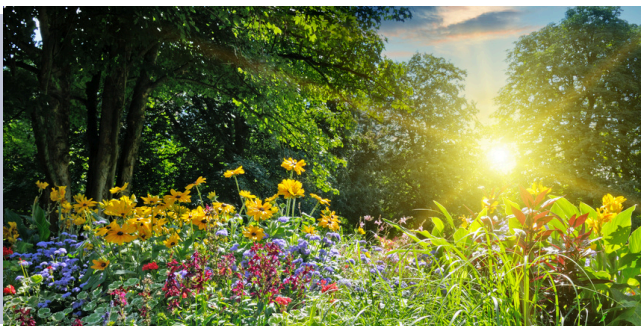


### ?a·q'uku / kaʔmuxu - Strawberry (two ways to say it)

[https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=strawberry  
&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory](https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=strawberry&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory)

### ?a·kin'quɕak - Fawn (newborn, spotted fawn)

[https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=Fawn  
&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory](https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=Fawn&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory)



### ?aqsu'kutnamu - Summer

[https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=summer&  
domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory](https://www.firstvoices.com/ktunaxa/searchq=summer&domain=both&types=word%2Cphrase%2Csong%2Cstory)

# Child Care Provider Outreach

## July Outreach Information:

- Elk Valley Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Cranbrook & area Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Kimberley & area Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>
- \* please note that all outreach is subject to weather and road conditions

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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>





# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Early childhood educators inspire young minds, every day! Prepare today to shape the lives that will shape the world.**

## **Online:**

- Early Childhood Education certificate
- Infant/Toddler and Special Needs Diplomas

## **In Class:**

- Early Childhood Education and Infant/Toddler Diploma (2 year cohort)



**Seats are available for September. *Apply now!***

250-489-2751

[cotr.ca/programs/early-childhood-education](http://cotr.ca/programs/early-childhood-education)

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THE ROCKIES**

# 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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