

Southeast Kootenay Child Care Resource & Referral Monthly Bulletin



October 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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SKCCRR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Important SKCCRR office hours for October

SKCCRR will be closed the following days:

- Thursday October 2 at 12:30 pm
 - Saturday October 4th
 - Saturday October 11th
 - Monday October 13th
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Toy Lending Library

- 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:

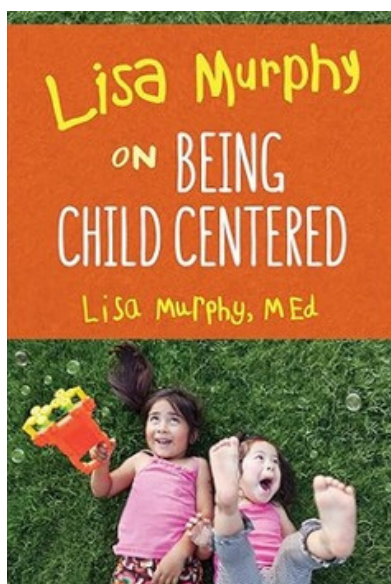
LISA MURPHY ON... *BEING CHILD CENTERED!*

This session is an in-depth exploration of the nine points outlined in the framework Lisa presents in her book, *Lisa Murphy On... Being Child Centered*. Via interactive lecture, true-to-life examples, anecdotes and her signature “learning and laughing” style, this workshop debunks the myth that being child centered means kids running around naked all day and instead outlines what it really means to be a child centered program.



Lisa Murphy has been involved in early childhood education for over 35 years. She has written five books and is drafting a few more. She lectures both domestically and internationally, is a frequent guest on various early childhood podcasts, and is the founder and CEO of the educational consulting company, Ooey Gooley, Inc.

Lisa presents hundreds of workshops a year and the interwebs say they are humorous, energetic, content-rich and inspiring. Lisa resides in Central Florida where she continues to be an outspoken advocate committed to protecting a child's right to play.



When: Wednesday,
November 12, 2025

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

Location: Zoom

Cost: Free (open to Families,
Child Care Workforce, &
Community Partners)

To register: email:
skccrr@ccsseb.com

When registering please provide us with:

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

Exploring the Early Learning Framework (ELF)

Living Inquiries Living and Learning Together

This framework describes four living inquiries:

- *Well-being and belonging
- * Engagement with others, materials, and the world
- *Communication and literacies
- *Identities, social responsibility, and diversity

Learning is not an individual act but happens in relationship with people, materials, and place. All aspects of children's learning and growing are interconnected and overlapping.

Recognizing Indigenous knowledge, and respectfully seeking collaborative partnerships with Elders and other knowledge holders in the community, enhances the learning in each of the living inquiries.

There are no pre-set ways to engage with the four living inquiries; instead, pedagogy should be grounded in the place, land, families, histories, and cultures of local communities.

The living inquiries are closely linked to the B.C. curriculum and competencies and reflect shared philosophical understandings.

Living inquiries are rooted in the belief that children learn by doing when they are engaged in projects and inquiries that extend their interests.



Expanding on an idea:

The living inquiries, pathways, and reflective questions, offer provocations to think about children, learning, and practising. As educators pay attention to moments, encounters, ideas, materials, and people, they can “think with” the living inquiries, pathways, and reflective questions to focus on their fundamental beliefs and understandings of childhood, education, and pedagogy.

Reflection:

“As they move together through time and encounter one another, these paths interweave to form an immense and continually evolving tapestry.”
(Ingold, 2011, p. 9)

Exploring the Early Learning Framework (ELF)

This section, Living and Learning Together, outlines the living inquiries, pathways for engaging with living inquiries and critically reflective questions. These new terms reflect learning processes that are rhizomatic, unpredictable, and dynamic.

Living Inquiries

Living inquiries" (known as "areas of learning" in the B.C. Ministry of Education [2008] framework) is used to describe the processes of thinking and learning that happen as children, educators, materials, and ideas interconnect. The term "living" suggests that these processes are ongoing and always evolving. "Inquire" means to pay attention in multiple ways – to study, explore, experiment, and ask questions.

Pathways

For each of the living inquiries, there is a subsection called "pathways" (formerly called "learning goals" [B.C. Ministry of Education, 2008]) that will help educators engage with the living inquiries. The term "pathways" evokes a sense of movement that is not linear.

Critically Reflective Questions

For each of the pathways, there is a series of critically reflective questions that can provoke thinking and invite discussion of meanings and perspectives of pedagogy and practice.

Are you interested in supporting a fellow Early Childhood Educator?



Join your local peer mentoring group!

Get involved and share your experience, whether you are new to the field or more experienced!

Elements of the program:

- **Peer-mentoring**
- **Online support**
- **Monthly professional learning opportunities**
- **Local community of practice**
- **Certificate of Participation**

The purpose of the program is to support the ongoing professional learning needs of new and experienced Early Childhood Educators across British Columbia. A goal of the project is to reduce the number of Early Childhood Educators leaving the field. You will have the opportunity to meet with a peer-mentor, participate in monthly community of practice meetings locally, and increase your knowledge of emerging topics and issues in the field. You may be asked to submit reflections or participate in a focus group or interview that may be used to document and share the outcomes of the program.

Visit <https://www.ecebc.ca> for more information.



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Peer Mentoring PROGRAM

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Features of the Month:

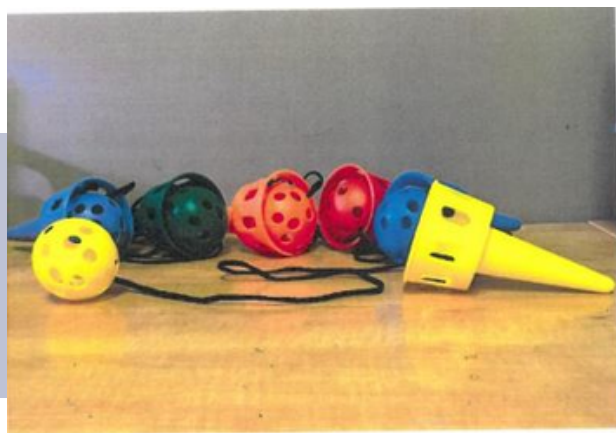
Tummy Time
Floor Mirror
4-392



Thanks to the Animals
Story Stones
4-391



Caring for Yourself and
Your Team
8-985



Cup Ball Catchers
4-203

Activity Ideas



<https://www.messylittlemonster.com/2018/11/pumpkin-sensory-bags-sensory-play-for-babies.html>

<https://myboredtoddler.com/autumn-fall-scoop-and-pour-sensory-bin/>



<https://www.messylittlemonster.com/2019/10/playdough-pumpkin-activity-preschoolers.html>



<https://lalmom.com/easy-indoor-halloween-obstacle-course-for-kids/>



Ktunaxa Language:

First Voices

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

íkupaquʔaqpiʔk - October

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



haqmaxuʔmu- to scare someone
with something (such as a scary
mask)

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

hu sukiʔqukni. - I am glad
(thankful)

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



ʔa·kʔaʔnam - squash,
pumpkin

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Child Care Provider Outreach

October Outreach Information:

- Elk Valley Wednesday October 1th
 - Cranbrook & area Tuesday October 14th
 - Kimberley & area Thursday October 9th
- * 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>



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 ?amakis Ktunaxa, the homelands of the Ktunaxa Nation, while recognizing the Métis, Inuit and other Indigenous peoples who live here.



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www.ccscranbrook.ca

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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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or www.gov.bc.ca/ChildCareResourceReferralCentres



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