

**Advancing Early Childhood Education NOW:
Online, Self Paced Professional Development Opportunity**

CCRRs across the province were graciously given permission to share this series of videos with their members for professional development. Participants will view the panel discussions on your own time and at your own pace.

You must complete three reflection questions based on the videos you viewed. Upon completion, you will receive a professional development certificate for 4.5 hours. This opportunity will be open and available for you to complete by March 31, 2021.

Policymakers, practitioners, researchers and families are invited to Advancing Early Childhood Education Outdoors Now to bring into focus visions of licensed early childhood education outdoors tailored to British Columbia and identify next steps toward their manifestations. Three panel discussions bring together local and international experiences, research, and stories from experts and leaders in the fields of outdoor and land-based education, health, law, and psychology.

A growing number of outdoor programs for preschool-aged children have been established in British Columbia following models from Germany, Scandinavia, Switzerland, and the UK. During the COVID-19 pandemic, public health recommendations encourage British Columbians to go outside to reduce transmission risks. COVID-19 combined with the mounting research on the importance of outdoor play for children's learning, development and health has meant that outdoor early childhood programs are gaining momentum.

For more information and to register, please email Nicoleh@childhoodconnections.ca