

# Your July News & Updates

Greetings!

It's already July! Where did June go? So way back in May we celebrated Child Care Month, and as part of our celebrations, we encouraged our community and parents to nominate a childcare educator or center/program that they see as an amazing support to the children and families in their care! We are excited to announce the two winners of a Healthy Happy Hour with Journey Henkart are **Green Gables Daycare** and **New Beginnings Early Learning Centre**. We hope that both of these amazing teams of child care educators are able to enjoy some meaningful connection and team building with Journey!

With this intense heat wave here in the Central Okanagan, I hope you're all finding ways to stay cool! And once this heat wave is over, our partners in our Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership hope you can get out for a summer stroll in a local park and enjoy our Summer Story Walk from July 9-18. Find out the park locations and stories here: [Summer Story Walk](#)

Today is Canada Day, and I will appreciate the beauty of this land and diversity of the people who I get to connect with on a daily basis to make our community the best place for children to grow and thrive. And this Canada Day, I will also take time to reflect on the large amount of work that I and my organization have to do to gain a better understanding and awareness of truth and reconciliation and address the calls the action. For me it's important that I do more than wear an orange t-shirt. Here are some ideas from [Phyllis Webstad](#), a residential school survivor:

- Write a letter to our Member of Parliament, Dan Albas, seeking a forensic search of all property used at any time for residential schools, seeking clean and potable drinking water for every Indigenous community and to improve housing according to provincial building codes for all First Nations communities - [Contact here](#)
- Lower flags at half-mast for 215 days in honour of the many children;
- Talk to your children about the growing calls to cancel Canada Day -[Read more](#)
- Learn more about the orange t-shirt -[Read more](#)
- Learn and teach your children about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action - [Read more](#)
- Donate to the Residential School Survivor Society. [Donate here](#)

"In the end, reconciliation is a spiritual process, which requires more than just a legal framework. It has to happen in the hearts and minds of people" -Nelson Mandela

Take care everyone, stay cool and safe and most of all, enjoy your summertime fun!

**Melissa Hunt**,  
Executive Director  
CCRR Manager

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## Welcome our new Program Consultant, Sarah



At the end of May, we said good bye to our lovely program consultant, Sam!

Our new wonderful program consultant, Sarah MacDonal, has recently returned to the sunny Okanagan after many years at the coast. After receiving her B.Ed. in 2012, she has worked with children of all ages - from tots to middle schoolers - in Greater Vancouver. When she is not at Childhood Connections, she is completing a new course of study in counselling psychology.

Drop by a Song, Story and Rhyme Time in the park to meet Sarah in person! Please make sure to give her a warm greeting when you see her!

Click here to join Sarah at a Song, Story and Rhyme Time near you!

## Childcare Educators: Did You Know?



### Start Up Grant for Licensed Family & In-Home Multi-Age

One-time Start-Up Grants are available to assist Registered Licence-Not-Required (RLNR) and Licence-Not-Required (LNR) child care providers, (ECEs), and any other eligible adults over the age of 19 to cover the costs of becoming licensed child care providers under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act and Child Care Licensing Regulation and Child Care BC Act. Applicants must create licensed child care in their personal residence. Grants are subject to funding availability.

### Subsidy Information

Families who make up to \$111,000/yr are eligible for Affordable Child care Benefits (ACCB). Families require an "Arrangement Form" from their care provider to apply. This applies to in-home care providers, preschools, licensed school programs, licensed childcare, in child's own home care providers and even friend or neighbour that may be helping out with care. "Additional Full Day Claim for School Aged Children" forms below for you to use.

### Health & Safety

This information is to assist child care providers with health and safety information and support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Updated frequently asked questions for child care operators and staff from the BC Centre for Disease Control. Also included is direction for camps over the summer months as we prepare for summer care for our children.

Start-Up Grant Information

LNR, RLNR, & In Child's Home

Health & Safety in Child Care, School & Camps

## Empowering Parents

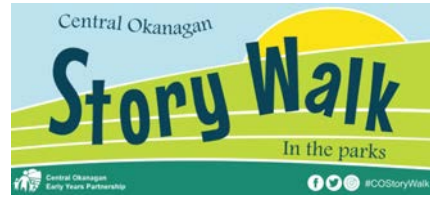


### Song, Story and Rhyme Time

Childhood Connections meets every week for Song, Story and Rhyme Time in the park. This program is a half hour of singing songs and telling stories for parents/caregivers and their children.

West Kelowna Thursdays  
10:00am - 10:30 am

Kelowna Wednesdays  
11:00 am - 11:30 am



The Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership (COEYP), has organized another Central Okanagan Story Walk during the week of **July 9 - 18th**. Please visit our [website](#) for more information!

Books are displayed (with permission from the authors and publishers) in parks around the Central Okanagan for park goers to enjoy.

The story pages are staked around each park in page order for a fun, self-guided reading tour.

Enjoy the stories together as you stroll through the park!

[Story Walk Information](#)



[Read All About It](#)

[BC 2021 Booklists](#)

### BC Summer Reading Club

All children and their families are invited to participate in the BC Summer Reading Club. Participation of families, including Newcomer families is welcomed and supported.

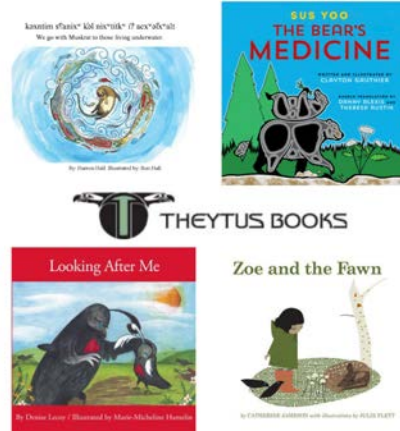
It has been translated into multiple languages and is intended for use by libraries, settlement organizations, and community groups. A [tip sheet for parents](#) on the value of summer reading is also available in multiple languages.

Check out this free summer reading program at your local public library!

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## Indigenous Early Learning Corner

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### Resource Video for Talking to Children about Residential Schools

Monique Gray Smith has released a video called "Talking to Kids about Residential Schools". It is full of recommended authors.

Monique is truly amazing. In her words, "Empathy is coming alive... And that empathy will move us forward. It will create change."

[Click to Watch](#)

### Local Indigenous Children's Literature from Theytus Books

As the oldest Indigenous publishing house in Canada, [Theytus Books](#) has championed Indigenous authors, illustrators and artists since 1980.

Located in Penticton on Syilx territory, Theytus - which means "preserving for the sake of handing down" in Salish - is committed to documenting Indigenous cultures and worldviews.

We are very excited to add some of their titles to our Early Learning Library over the summer!

## Early Childhood Resources



### Heat Alert & Response

Wonderful resource from Interior Health for the summer weather- Heat Alert & Response Planning for Interior BC Communities: A TOOLKIT

[Click for more Information](#)



### New legislation moves B.C. toward inclusive universal child care

New legislation will move B.C. closer to building an inclusive, universal child care system. Watch video that was streamed live June 8, 2021

[Click to Watch](#)



### B.C.'s response to COVID-19

Getting vaccinated is easy and safe. Spread the word and help your friends and family get vaccinated

[How to Get Vaccinated](#)

If you're born in 2009 or earlier (12+) register now.

[How to Register](#)



### Early Years Library

This chair is a great escape for any child. # 1630  
Please ensure you are up to date with our borrowing and cleaning procedures. Toys must be checked when received and contact the office with any discrepancies in 24 hours

[Browse Library](#)



### Learning Through Play

Engage children in these fun July activities!

**"At the end of the day your feet should be dirty, your hair should be messy and your eyes sparkling."**

[See Activities](#)

### ECPN Newsletter and Workshop Opportunity

IECPN extends gratitude to agencies, organizations and partners who have warmly hosted pedagogists in many BC communities. Take a look at this great opportunity for a workshop on July 7th 5:30-7:00pm

[June Updates](#)

[Registration](#)

## Training, News and Resources

All upcoming workshops will now have a \$5.00 administration fee.

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