

Update
April 6, 2006

News

1) PLAY WEBSITE IS ALIVE - REGISTER NOW!!!

Please register yourself as a member of PLAY on our new website at www.playvictoria.org and Have Your Say

By signing up now you will receive PLAY updates, meeting notices and information.

2) \$100 MILLION ENABLES FIRST NATIONS TO BUILD CAPACITY

Government has tabled legislation to enact the \$100-million New Relationship Trust that will help fund long-term capacity-building for First Nations, Tom Christensen, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, announced today.

"Building capacity in First Nations communities is a clear priority for our government," said Christensen. "This fund has been established to provide First Nations with the tools, training and skills to participate in social and economic decision-making in their communities. It will also help to foster leadership among First Nations youth and bring about greater self-reliance, prosperity and certainty for First Nations and all British Columbians."

Announced in the September 2005 Budget Update, the New Relationship fund was designed to support capacity-building for First Nations so they can effectively participate in land and resource management and social programs for their communities.

For further information visit: www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2005-2009/2006ARR0011-000236.htm

3) Child Care Resource and Referral Newsletter (attached)

Invitations

4) Community Mapping Workshop

Facilitators: Joanne Schroeder, Community Liaison Coordinator
Michele Wiens, Research Manager
Kate Trafford, GIS Coordinator
Lorraine Gibson, GIS Technician
Eric Hertzman, GIS Technician
Janet Mort, EDI Communications Officer

When: 29th May, 2006 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Robson Square Campus, UBC, Downtown Vancouver

RSVP to: Joanne Schroeder joanne@cvcda.ca by April 28th

You are invited to participate in a one day workshop designed to enhance the capacity for using, understanding and creating maps within your community to support ECD planning initiatives.

Who is invited: Anyone who is working with a community ECD coalition and interested in community mapping. To include: Children First, Mapping Stations, Success by 6@, UEY, Municipal Planners, Research Assistants, GIS technicians.

Proposed Agenda:

9:30 - Introductions and Overview

10:00 – A “Day in the Life” of the Provincial ECD Mapping Unit. This will include a walk through on the nuts and bolts of creating and disseminating maps at HELP. How do those EDI questionnaires turn into neighbourhood maps? Where does the SES data come from and how is it mapped? What are community asset maps and how do we get some? What are some of the other mapping initiatives that HELP is working on?

Noon – Lunch (provided)

1 to 4 p.m. The afternoon will include two workshop sessions 1 to 2:30 and 2:30 to 4. You will be able to choose from such topics as:

- Accessing Data and Boundary Files
- Creating partnerships with GIS technicians in your community
- Understanding EDI and SES maps and their implications for planning
- Using the Community Mapping Toolkit and the Asset Framework
- Community Mapping in Aboriginal communities

We are open to other suggestions for workshop topics that you might find beneficial. Please be in touch with Joanne to register and with any questions.

5) Childhood and Adolescent Obesity 2006 (see attached flyer)

1st Conference on Recent Advances in the Prevention and Treatment of Childhood and Adolescent Obesity and its Complications for Health Professionals

October 5 – 7, 2006

The Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites at Stanley Park , Vancouver, BC Canada

This conference will foster discussion on practical, evidence-based issues around obesity in children and adolescents. An update on existing programs and new initiatives will also be presented, as well as interventions for prevention and/or treatment of childhood obesity.

This conference brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals which include physicians, nurses, counsellors, endocrinologists, social workers, psychiatrists, psychologists, diabetes educators, pediatricians, dietitian and nutritionists therapists, administrators/managers, family resource program staff, family development workers, community health workers, early childhood educators, teachers, principals, parent educators, behavioural therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, policy makers, researchers, families, students, and all who are interested in or who work in the field of obesity and children.

Visit our website www.interprofessional.ubc.ca for updated information. For additional information email, ipad@interchange.ubc.ca, or call 604-822-7524.

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6) REACH is pleased to announce an upcoming seminar

7) Creative Community Responses to the Challenges of Kinship Care with particular focus on Grandparents raising grandchildren

Guest Speaker: Hilari Haupton, Manager, Kinship and Family Caregiver Program
Olympia, Washington State, USA

TOPIC: Kinship Care Programs, Washington State
DATE: Friday, May 5
TIME: 9:30 am Registration - Lunch provided..Closing 3 pm
PLACE: Activity Centre, Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health
2400 Arbutus Road, Victoria
[Registration Details to follow](#)

8) The Esquimalt Military Family Resource Centre will be hosting the following workshop in Victoria May 8 and 9th 2006.

Changing Fathers, Evolving Practices

Changing Fathers, Evolving Practices is a 2 day training program for family service practitioners. This program is intended to increase awareness and understanding of the role of fathers. One male and one female facilitator lead the workshops. There are four separate workshops that take place over two days. They are:

- Workshop #1- Awareness of the role of fathers
- Workshop #2- Make room for fathers in our agencies and services
- Workshop #3- Development of individual and collective practices
- Workshop #4- Promoting paternal involvement

Each workshop has a related workbook.
Some of the key things that happen at this training are

Participants learn:

- How to make their program more father friendly
- How to connect with others in the field
- How to make dads feel welcome
- How to involve dads in their children's education
- How to work with fathers from other cultures
- New ideas on how to work with dads
- How to impart this learning to staff to help them be aware of father involvement issues
- About how involved fathers are treated by society
- How to make parenting education more accessible to fathers
- How to work with women who view men in a negative way and help them to incorporate the father into their children's lives (and help them to think about how they are going to raise their sons)
- How to reach out to dads (especially young dads)
- About how fathers affect their children's development
- How to keep dads coming back
- How to work with others who are working with fathers
- How to encourage fathering without alienating women who do not have male partners

The training session was designed with educational and theoretical content as well as validation and field testing. This training is well established and receives excellent feedback from participants who attend the training.

Dates: May 8 and 9
Location: Naval Officer Training Centre, CFB Esquimalt
Times: 8:30 – 4pm
Cost: \$50 per person

Please RSVP to 363-3050 by May 1 2006. Lunch is not provided but can be purchased at either the Base Galley or local restaurants.



9) HELP Listserv Update, titled HELP Listserv Update – March 30(monthly).pdf. Below is a list of the contents found inside the monthly Listserv.

Call for Presentations

- Seed Funding Competition: Pillars 3 and 45th Annual Network Conference
- World Forum 2006 – Future Directions in Child Welfare
- 2006 International Methodology Symposium-Call for Papers

Conferences

- Supporting Children's Social and Emotional Health: Assessment Tools, Research, and Practice
- Edudata Research Forum
- Canadian Community-Based Research Skill-Building Institute for Partnership Teams
- Early Childhood Educators of BC: 35th Annual Conference-Guide
- Family Research Consortium IV- 3rd Annual Summer Institute
- Obese Children and Public Health-Using Marketing as a Solution not just a Problem-Lecture
- 5th Annual Network Conference- New Words, New Worlds: Partnering for Childhood Literacy
- National Child Day, November 20-'I Have the Right to be Heard"

Resources

- RFP for an Updated Literature Review for the Healthy Children, Healthy Communities Project
- Kids Canada Policy Digest Annual – 2005
- BC Atlas of Child Development Now Available
- Canucks Family Education Centre-Seeking Volunteer Researchers
- Families and Diversity Course
- Understanding the Early Years Study: Program and Policy Improvements for Children
- Book Reviews- New England Journal of Medicine
- HELP Job Postings

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10) Part Time Position: Administrative Coordinator - Parent Support Services Victoria

The Administrative Coordinator will be part of a collaborative team of staff members, volunteers, agency partners and contracted project coordinators who share a passion for working creatively to support families in the Greater Victoria region. The Administrative Coordinator plays a central role in taking overall responsibility for the effective administrative operation of the Victoria programs of Parent Support Services, and assist with other activities as required. Specifically, the Coordinator will plan and implement promotion activities; handle incoming and outgoing telephone, fax, mail and email communications; organize and maintain paper and electronic filing systems; create, copy and disseminate promotion, fundraising, parenting, training and other documents; organize and maintain expense records; plan and coordinate meetings, workshops and events; handle crisis and support calls from parents and facilitators as required; and tabulate and organize statistics, data and other evaluation and report material.

The Administrative Coordinator will work with the supervision of the Program Director and in collaboration with other PSS staff members, contracted workers, facilitators and volunteers.

Requirements:

- Excellent organizational and time management skills and abilities in an office environment
- Demonstrated competence in a multi-program PC environment, including creating charts and tables, working with Excel, troubleshooting, and creating and maintaining complex data and email filing systems and email lists
- Experience with data compilation and paper and electronic filing
- Ability to create basic promotion text, and simple flyers and posters
- Experience in managing financial record keeping systems, including simple bookkeeping and petty cash administration
- Experience with effectively and efficiently coordinating events, meetings and workshops
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to address conflict with openness and honesty.
- Some knowledge and understanding of facilitation, group process, self help philosophy.
- Experience working within a culturally, philosophically and socially inclusive environment
- Ability to work in a cooperative and dynamic atmosphere, moving between team work and independent work with ease
- Experience working with volunteers
- Some understanding of current parenting philosophies, issues, practices and challenges
- Some knowledge of community resources available for parents and families

START DATE: APRIL 24, 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter

COMPENSATION: This position is a contract for 20 hours per week at \$15 to \$18 per hour (rate dependent on experience). Benefits will be negotiated. There is a minimal amount of evening and evening work for this position, but the majority of the work will be done at the Victoria Parent Support Services office during typical office hours.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: noon, April 13, 2006

To apply, please send your resume, a covering letter including a brief statement of your qualifications for each of the points listed above under "Requirements", and the contact telephone numbers for 3 references. Applications that do not include a cover letter as outlined above and that do not include reference contact numbers will not be considered. Only those applicants who are invited for an interview will be contacted.

Send application material electronically, using Word document attachments, to:
Program Director
At the email address <parent-island@shaw.ca>

WITH THE SUBJECT LINE: Victoria Coordinator Position.

NO phone calls please.

11) Aboriginal Community Liaison Coordinator

For Complete Job Description & Application Instructions:

http://www.earlylearning.ubc.ca/people_jobpostings.htm