



Update- April 27, 2006

News

1) Register on the PLAY WEBSITE at www.playvictoria.org - REGISTER NOW!!!

By signing up now you will receive PLAY updates, meeting notices and information on a regular basis

2) **Reggio Emilia Working Paper** Recently a diverse group of representatives from our province visited the Reggio Emilia's Project in Italy. To learn more and read the working paper: *"Early Education in British Columbia - Engaging in Dialogue with Reggio Emilia's Early Childhood Project:*

<http://slc.educ.ubc.ca/>

<http://slc.educ.ubc.ca/publications.htm>

<http://www.earlychildhood.educ.ubc.ca/>

Invitations

3) SOUTH ISLAND TRAINING INITIATIVE - SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCE (FLYER ATTACHED)

"WORKSHOPS DESIGNED TO MEET THE TRAINING STANDARDS SET OUT BY COA AND CARF ACCREDITING BODIES"

**May 2, 3, & 4, 2006, Queenswood Centre
2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria, BC**

You are invited to join with our South Island Training Initiative (SITI) Training on May 2, 3 and 4. Our first conference in November (2005) received very positive reviews (for the most part). Do not equate the low cost for low-level training. We have exceptionally skilled people presenting and facilitating the training.

4) A Goldstream Gathering for Children & Youth aged 5 thru 19 (flyer attached)

Do You:

Love animals & wish you could communicate with them directly?

Believe in Nature Spirits & wish you could see them?

Think that learning could be WAY more fun & wish you could share your ideas?

Join us for a day of Animal Antics and Forest Frolic!

Goldstream Eco Resort

12-4pm Sunday, May 7th (drop off at 11:45am)

\$22 (includes snack)

Pre-registration required.

For more information contact: Teron Wolf: equanimitycentre@yahoo.ca

(250) 920-0393

5) Making Tomorrow Conference

Book **Saturday, May 6th** off as a day of learning, fun, shopping, and inspiration at the 29th annual **Making Tomorrow Conference** at the University of Victoria.

This is a one-day conference for parents, educators and caregivers of children and youth. About \$50 gets you inspired by our acclaimed keynote speaker PLUS 2 workshops, brownbag lunch and shopping at an incredible marketplace focused on kids gear, educational items and services. There are also prizes and a silent auction with fabulous items.

This year's keynote speaker is Order of Canada recipient **Mary Gordon**, who released her book, **Roots of Empathy: Changing the World Child by Child** this past fall. She recently developed a program that is being incorporated into the BC curriculum on developing empathy in kids. Prepare to be inspired! Check out her website at <http://www.rootsofempathy.org/Home.html> and read about her amazing achievements at <http://www.rootsofempathy.org/Mary.html>. In addition to the keynote, the workshop selection is fantastic. Register early - workshops are filling up fast. Registration forms are available many places around Victoria including public libraries and recreation centres or visit the Vancouver Island Cooperative Preschool website at <http://www.vicpa.org/mtc.html> to view online. Phone 595-4486 if you have any questions regarding registration.

This conference is organized by the Vancouver Island Cooperative Preschool Association and is staffed entirely by volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for next year's 30th anniversary conference, please e-mail mvicpa@vicpa.org (you don't have to be part of a preschool).

6) The Dispute Resolution Centre has set the next dates for the next offering of our Compass Program, a 3 day workshop for individuals with low incomes to learn about conflict and effective ways to deal with it in their daily life. It will be held **Tuesday, May 16 to Thursday, May 18, 2006** at St. John the Divine Hall, corner of Balmoral and Quadra. Attached is an informational poster and a brochure with the registration form. Please display this information in your office or public areas and pass this on to anyone

you think may be interested. I'd appreciate it if you would also pass this on to your distribution lists where appropriate. The workshop has a limited number of openings that fill up quickly so please encourage anyone who is interested to register as soon as possible.

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7) The Association of Family Serving Agencies (AFSA) in association with the B.C. Council for Families presents:

Hilari Hauptman, Manager, Kinship and Family Care Program

Hilari Hauptman has been passionately committed to intergenerational and kinship care programs for twenty-four years. She is a member of the Generations United National Centre on Grandparents and Other Relatives Advisory Group and the AARP Grandparent Information Centre Editorial Committee. Hillary has been the Kinship and Family Caregiver Program Manager in Olympia, Washington State for the past twelve years.

Topic:

Creative Community Responses to the Challenges of Kinship Care

DATE:	Friday, May 5 th , 2006
Registration:	9:00 am
Workshop:	9:30 – 3:00 pm
PLACE:	Activity Centre, Queen Alexandra Centre 2400 Arbutus Road Victoria, BC
COST:	\$20.00 AFSA members \$25.00 Non-members (Fee includes refreshments and buffet Lunch)



8) HELP Update

IICRD Child Rights in Practice Conference-Date Change

When: February 25 – March 2, 2007

Where: Victoria, BC

In February, the International Institute for Child Rights and Development announced an upcoming conference this fall. Due to a scheduling conflict, the conference has been rescheduled for Spring 2007.

Children's Rights in Practice: Tools for Social Change will be held February 25 through March 2, 2007. A revised copy of the announcement is attached for your records.

CCSD News Flash-Stats and Facts

A colourful and data-rich new section of the CCSD website, [Stats & Facts](http://www.ccsd.ca/factsheets/index.htm) (<http://www.ccsd.ca/factsheets/index.htm>) contains a series of practical, easy-to-use fact sheets profiling demographics, education, and families in Canada. More fact sheets will be released later this year on the subjects of economic security, health and the labour market. Stats & Facts replaces CCSD's Free Statistics page.

CCSD News Flash-Checking up on Canadian Children and Youth

[The Progress of Canada's Children and Youth 2006](http://www.ccsd.ca/pccy/2006/) (<http://www.ccsd.ca/pccy/2006/>) is the seventh edition of this longstanding Canadian Council on Social Development information product. It now has its own website with sections covering everything from demographics to economic security to health. Hard copy editions of the report are available for purchase. But check out the website to download individual chapters and a wealth of statistical information.

Sunshine Coast Child Care and Parenting Conference-Call for Proposals

The Sunshine Coast Child Care Resource and Referral Program is hosting their 3rd annual Child Care and Parenting Conference on September 30. They are currently accepting proposals for workshops for our conference, and are cordially inviting all workshop facilitators to submit. Deadline for submissions is May 15. For more information, please contact: Tracy Wright

Sunshine Coast Child Care Resource and Referral, Sechelt, BC

Tel: 604-886-3103, Email: coastccrr@dccnet.com

Children's Achievement: What Does the Evidence Say About Teachers, Pre-K Programs, and Economic Policies?

When: May 19, 2006

Where: Washington, DC

Register by: May 16, 2006

As the push for-and debate over-evidence-based interventions continues in the field of education, three national experts from Northwestern University's Institute for Policy Research take stock of what the best available evidence-based research can tell us about those programs and policies that work, including programs one might not necessarily associate with improving children's academic achievement. This policy briefing is supported by a grant from the Joyce Foundation.

Speakers and Presentations:

"Teachers: How Much Difference Do They Make and for Whom?"

Larry V. Hedges, Board of Trustees Professor of Statistics and Social Policy and IPR Faculty Fellow, Northwestern University

"Pre-K Programs: Which Ones Make a Difference?"

Thomas D. Cook, Joan and Serepta Harrison Chair in Ethics and Justice; Professor of Sociology, Psychology, Human Development and Social Policy; and IPR Faculty Fellow, Northwestern University

"Family Economic Policies: Which Ones Raise Children's Achievement?"

Greg J. Duncan, Edwina S. Tarry Professor of Education and Social Policy and IPR Faculty Fellow, Northwestern University

*Friday, May 19, 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

*Room B338, Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C.*

Online registration: <http://www.northwestern.edu/ipr/regform.html>

For more information: <http://www.northwestern.edu/ipr/events/briefingMay06.html>

**Brain Development & Learning: Making Sense of the Science-Early Bird
Registration Discounts**

When: August 19, 2006

Where: Vancouver, BC

Early Bird Registration Discounts end in One Week (May 1)

This will be the inaugural meeting of a **biennial, international conference** devoted to **enriching and improving the lives of young children** by **making cutting-edge research** understandable to educators, doctors, clinicians, and others including parents who may not be as knowledgeable about **the latest scientific findings in neuroscience or developmental science** as they would like. The meeting is intended as a public service with the goal of improving children's lives. The two themes for this year's meeting are **Brain Plasticity and Interventions**.

Topics include bridging culture gaps, neural mechanisms of learning & memory, genes & experience, effect of exercise on the brain, ADHD, Autism, and Dyslexia. **Introductory tutorials** will be offered on neuroimaging, neuroanatomy, and neurotransmitters.

While the supply lasts, we have also **negotiated discounts on rooms at the headquarter hotel**, the Sheraton Wall Centre.

There will also be a **FREE pre-conference Workshop** on the Tools of the Mind Program for children 3-6 years of age. Conference organizers are Drs. Adele Diamond & Jana Davidson of the University of British Columbia and BC Children's Hospital. Conference sponsors include BC Mental Health & Addiction Services, BC Ministry of Children and Family Development, Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP), Bright Light Foundation, & UBC's Brain Research Centre & Psychiatry Dept. for more information & registration see:

http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/brain_dev_and_learning.html

http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Brain_Dev_SubPages/Registration%20webpage.htm

email: devcogneuro@gmail.com

call Toll free in Canada or the US: 1-877-328-7744, FAX: 604 822-4835



9) United Way of the Lower Mainland-Success By 6 Provincial Manager – Consulting Contract

Reporting to: Early Childhood Development Provincial Partnership and the Director of Agency and Community Services, UWLM

Initial Term: One year full-time consulting Contract
\$1,200 - \$1,500 per week, depending upon qualifications

Closing Date: May 12, 2006

Success By 6 is a province wide early childhood development initiative aimed at supporting children 0 to 6 years to succeed in school and in life. Success By 6 builds communities by engaging citizens and funding programs that strengthen services for young children and families. In BC, Success By 6 is a unique partnership among United Ways, credit unions and the provincial government.

Summary of Responsibilities

The Success By 6 Provincial Manager is responsible for providing: strategic advice to the Early Childhood Development Provincial Partnership; support to Success By 6 coordinators [and Councils of Partners] throughout BC; and managerial support for the ongoing development of the provincial initiative.

The successful candidate is an experienced project manager, able to complete challenging projects and complex planning; an effective communicator capable of

building working relationships with a wide range of stakeholders; skilled at resolving conflict and solving problems as they arise

Responsibilities and Duties

- Manage, coordinate provide leadership to implement the initiative's strategic plan, ensuring integration of regional capacity building, marketing, communications and fundraising functions.
- Manage, coordinate and supervise the staff team
- Provide executive support to the Provincial Partners in fulfilling their governance roles.
- Provide ongoing support and mentorship of Success By 6 coordinators [and Councils of Partners when needed] with the goal of encouraging self-sufficiency while maintaining commitment to the provincial partnership and network
- Ensure regular communications with Success By 6 coordinators; and provide one on one problem-solving support as needed.
- Plan and implement regular training sessions for Success By 6 coordinators
- Manage the operating and grants budgets to ensure accountability and transparency of fund distribution.
- Ensure the review and effective implementation of a province-wide evaluation framework
- Link with other related provincial initiatives and act as an ambassador of Early Childhood Development Provincial Partnership
- Document learnings and develop recommendations for the further evolution of Success By 6 in BC

Qualifications & Experience

- Project and organizational management experience with a track record of managing multiple projects
- Strategic planning expertise
- A working knowledge of early childhood development
- Knowledge of British Columbia and its regions
- Experience in community development in the voluntary sector
- Cultural competency expertise
- Excellent communication skills with an ability to grow and nurture relationships
- Experience in developing and implementing evaluation frameworks

Submit resume, outlining how qualifications and experience are met, by May 12 to:

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