

Update
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News

1) PLAY WEBSITE at www.playvictoria.org

By signing up now you will receive PLAY updates, meeting notices and information on a regular basis. We will be moving to website communication in the coming months, join now!!!

Invitations

2) Poster for Noontime Speaker #8: Youth Justice System with Gord Irving on Tues, May 30 at noon (flyer attached)

3) Please find attached, a flyer and registration form for our upcoming Annual Event and AGM on June 2nd. The theme for this year is *Why Grandparents Matter: The Changing Role of Grandparents in the 21st Century*.

This event will feature Dr. Marilyn Callahan of the University of Victoria's *Grandmothers Caring for their Grandchildren Research Project* as well as Fran Kammermayer, Certified Canadian Family Educator, and author of the book, *It's Not a Plot to Drive You Crazy: A toolbox of practical parenting skills for everyday use*. Additional speakers will be announced shortly.

Please share information about this event with any colleagues or networks that may be interested.

For more information please contact:

BC Council for Families

#204-2590 Granville Street, Vancouver BC V6H 3H1

(604) 660-0675 or 1-800-663-5638

bccf@bccf.bc.ca

Training

4) Training in Parent-Child Mother Goose - June 17/18 (Sat/Sun) 900 am – 400 pm at Sooke Family Resource Centre

Who should take the P-CMGP Training Workshop?

Parent program facilitators, family place staff, infant development consultants, childcare workers, storytellers, early childhood educators, social workers, community health nurses, or others committed to providing services that enhance parent-child relationships will find this workshop of great interest.

What a Workshop Provides

A Mother Goose Training Workshop takes two days, is taught by a trained Workshop Leader, and covers the basic organizational plan, materials, and methods used in the program.

Some of the specific areas covered are:

- the background, philosophy and objectives of the program
- how to set up a group and run a weekly program
- **Rhymes:** the material of the program, including many examples of good rhymes, and how to teach and use them
- **Songs:** how to teach and use new songs and ones you already know and love
- **Storytelling:** an essential part of the program, how to **learn and tell** a story--and enjoy it!
- how to help parents learn the rhymes and songs
- making the program relevant to children of various ages
- how to reach your target group of clients
- resources for finding more materials for your programs
- how to form your own Associate Program and become an Associate Member
- how to keep in touch with the head office in Toronto for ongoing support and follow-up workshops

Instructor

Jane Cobb, BA, MLS, is a certified

P-CMGP Trainer and has been teaching in programs in Vancouver since 1998. She has been a Children's Librarian and Storyteller for 20 years, an Instructor of Children's Services in the Library Technician Program at Langara College for 10 years, and is the author of *I'm a Little Teapot! Presenting Preschool Storytime*.

Cost:

FREE For Community Partners in the Success by 6 Proposal for Mother Goose on the Move and Mother Goose in Your Neighbourhood.

Open registration if space is available \$35.00 (incl.GST).

Includes lunches and a Teacher Training Manual and other materials. Materials for sale at the workshop range in price from \$6.50 to \$32. Payment may be made by cash or cheque only.

For further information contact:

Denyse Koo, (250) 642-5152

dkoo@sfrs.ca

Also see: www.nald.ca/mothergooseprogram

Space is limited so please register early.



5) Centre of Excellence for Children and Adolescents with Special Needs

It has been five years since the Centre of Excellence for Children and Adolescents with Special Needs came to be. To celebrate this very special milestone, we have created an Anniversary Newsletter to provide you with an update on activities undertaken since our inception.

We hope you will enjoy this edition of *northern child and youth*.

For more publications, newsletters or to search our library please feel free to visit our website at <http://www.unbc.ca/centreca/index.html>.

Judy Mitchell

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6) Human Early Learning Partnership

Fraser Health Research Internet Site

The FH intranet site (<http://fhweb/Education+and+Research/default.htm>) is now linked directly to the FH Internet (www.fraserhealth.ca/initiatives/research). This change has been made so that the site would be available to a wider audience, including our physicians, academic partners and sponsors. The format has been redesigned to make site navigation easier.

FH RESEARCH CELEBRATION WEEK: TUESDAY MAY 23RD TO FRIDAY MAY 26TH "RESEARCH: LEADING THE WAY TO A KNOWLEDGE-BASED CULTURE"

Research in Fraser Health is focused on fostering a culture of curiosity and a climate of evidence-based learning and has grown to encompass enquiry in health services and delivery, health policy, and a range of clinically related research. In addition to continuing support for regulated clinical trials, the recent growth of health services research reflects the commitment of our organization to continually improve the quality of care we provide. This type of research, which stems from the challenges and questions we ask ourselves on a daily basis, suggests practical solutions through innovative and evidence-based interventions. To this end, the program for research week includes presentations from a variety of local FHA clinician and physician researchers representing a range of disciplines, who have conducted investigations spanning clinical drug trials, nursing, occupational therapy, workplace health, population health, and pharmacy. Presentations will be held across FH at SMH, RCH, BH, MSA and PAH to offer the opportunity of attendance to as wide an audience as possible. The week will conclude with a Directors' Forum meeting dedicated to a further exhibition of research achievements, and concluding with a keynote address by Dr. Charlyn Black, Director at the UBC Centre for Health Services and Policy Research.

Enquiries to: [604-587-4436]

www.fraserhealth.ca

A New IRPP Study

Institute for Research on Public Policy

The IRPP recently released "Jumping into the Political Fray: Academics and Policy-Making" (*IRPP Policy Matters*, vol. 7, no. 3), in which Daniel Cohn examines the role academics can play in the policy-making process. In looking at the impact academics have had on policy in areas such as the environment and social and economic issues, Cohn reaches several conclusions. He argues that academics have substantial opportunities to influence public policy, but that this influence is usually indirect and is best achieved by convincing those with power to advocate for and/or act on their ideas. He then examines how such opportunities arise and can be generated by academics. Finally, he looks at the ways in which state actors can best make use of scholarly advice.

The study is available in .PDF format on the IRPP's Web site (www.irpp.org). If you would like to obtain a paper copy, please contact Virginie Leduc by e-mail at vleduc@irpp.org or by telephone at 514-985-2461.

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**Call for Letters of Intent-The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network
Deadline: June 5, 2007**

The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network invites letters of intent outlining possible new research projects addressing issues relevant to the development of good language and literacy skills. Projects which address the following groups of vulnerable children are of particular interest:

1. Minority-language children,
2. Aboriginal children,
3. Children in immigrant families, and
4. Children who require better instruction or special intervention to acquire good literacy skills.

Research Projects must be relevant to the Network's mandate and must meet the criteria established by the Networks of Centres of Excellence Program. Priority will be given to projects undertaken in the context of a multidisciplinary research team with appropriate partners.

Letters of Intent received by June 5, 2007 will be reviewed to assess their suitability and relevance to the Network's objectives. Highly rated applicants will be invited to submit a detailed Research Project Proposal.

Full details for the letters of intent are included on the website at: www.cllrnet.ca.

If you have any further questions, please contact: Chantal Phillips, Program Officer, Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network, 519.850.2930

Meeting with Dr. Lorne Whitehead, Vice-President Academic and Provost

When: June 5, 2006 12:00 – 12:30 pm

Where: UBC

We invite FoGS faculty members, staff, and students in FoGS graduate interdisciplinary programs to a meeting with Dr. Lorne Whitehead, Vice-President Academic and Provost, where he will give a summary of the discussion that took place at the April meeting of the UBC Senate regarding the future of interdisciplinarity at UBC.

The details of the meeting are as follows:

Monday, June 5 from noon to 12:30 pm

**Room 120 of the AERL (Aquatic Ecosystem Research Laboratory) Building
2202 Main Mall**