News from the CCRR @ the Clements Centre!
We’re excited to share 3 new resource books for Early Learning Practitioners.

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf: A Story of Life for All Ages
by Leo Buscaglia Ph.D.

Raising Your Spirited Child—Fully Updated Edition
by Mary Sheedy Kurcinka, Ed.D.

Vancouver Island Butterflies
by Mike Yip & James Miskelly

The CCRR congratulates all of you for your commitment to offer quality child care in the Cowichan Valley. Your work days are long yet you still come to professional development training on weekends, comply with MCFD RLNR criteria, & Licensing regulations and love your jobs!

Here’s what’s happening in the Cowichan Valley region. Choices for child care choices are diversifying! Several home-based family programs open as early as 6:00am week days and weekends. A group centre is open on Saturdays to care for children 30 months—5 years. These options are making a positive difference to families working shifts and/or commuting outside of our region for work or school.

Other child care providers have responded to the most recent MCFD grant program to increase child care spaces. If accepted, some will use funding to create more spaces for children of school-age, in rural areas and in city centres. Their proactive responses to the child care needs in our communities are a also credit to the importance of child care.

And best of all, families tell us that they are really pleased and relieved to find local child care options that suit their child care needs. Not only are their children safe, and well-cared for but they are also encouraged to learn through play!

Save the Date: for a Care Provider Appreciation Evening/”Make N’ Take” on Tuesday, May 3rd from 7-9pm. Details to follow!

Myna Thompson, Program Coordinator
"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."
— Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa

When was the last time you checked out the MCFD website?

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care

The info on this link is provides a variety of information for child care providers and parents seeking child care & child care subsidy information and forms.

https://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/pdfs/business_information_guidance_financing.pdf

This links connects to Business Information, Guidance, and Financing for child care operators.

https://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/ece/

Certification of individuals who qualify for an Early Childhood Educator (ECE) or an Early Childhood Educator Assistant (ECEA) Certificate;

Recognition, monitoring and supporting educational institutions that offer early childhood education curriculum in British Columbia; and

Investigation of practice concerns of ECEs and ECEAs.

BC Family Child Care Association (BCFCCA)

The BCFCCA has been supporting family child care providers in BC since 1981.

“Good Beginnings, Professional Development Training for Family Child Care Providers,” is online training family child care providers. To register for enquire about other association services Phone: 1-800-686-6685 or visit: http://www.bcfcca.ca

For info on Southern Vancouver Island Family Child Care Association visit: http://www.svifcca.com/
Attention all programs!

CCRR Consultants make Toy Library item deliveries & pickups to enhance programs in Cowichan Lake, Duncan, Chemainus, Cobble Hill, Crofton, Mill Bay & Shawnigan Lake. If you want us to include you on our “outreach” list phone the CCRR @ 250-746-4135 Ext 235.

Or Email— Liz: imanraj@clementscentre.org or Susie: srichardson@clementscentre.org

Discovering CONNECTIONS A Guide to the Fun of Bridging Disability Differences with the Cowichan Valley Independent Living Resource Centre #0000573

Connecting Kids, Exploring Diversity together Introduction by Rick Scott #0000532

Dr. Linda D. Hill, a passionate advocate for diversity awareness and understanding has published two books on this topic and both are in the CCRR Lending Library. The books include topics for discussion, and suggestions for hands-on games and activities you can implement in your group and home-based early learning programs.
School District #79 presents 2016 Ready, Set, Learn

This year’s theme is A-B-C THE FARMYARD & Me!

A FREE Drop-In Educational and Health Fair for children 2-5 and their families.

Time: 12:30-4:00pm (at all venues)

Chemainus Elementary School             Wed. Apr.06
Palsson Elementary School                Thurs. Apr. 14
Shawnigan Lake Community Centre         Thurs. Apr.21
Duncan Mall                               Thurs. Apr.28

Receive information on:

- Dental and Vision
- Childcare
- Health & Nutrition
- Pre-school programs
- Child Development
- Language Development
- Social & Emotional Development

Participate with your child in farm animal-themed:

- Language Centres
- Reading Centres
- Play Centres
- Math Centres
- Story Times

For more information contact: Learning Links—School District #79
250-748-3936 or learnsecretary@sd79.bc.ca
The term *sign language* is a generic term that indicates any form of manual communication. The signs in *Piggyback Songs to Sign* are a combination of American Sign Language (ASL) and English signs. If a word has more than one sign, the sign shown is one that is easier for 3- to 5-years olds to learn.

“Signing to song is a fun and easy way to learn to sign and an excellent way to teach young children to recognize and accept differences in others. Have fun! Susan Shroyer

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You’ll enjoy choosing songs for every month including the special chapter on Summer—June, July & August. The tunes will be familiar to you & the children.

**Here are some examples from April, May & Summer:**

April: Give a Cheer sung to: Frere Jacques p.63

May: The Flowers are Blooming sung to: London Bridge p.73

Summer: The Sun is Shining Sung to: You are My Sunshine p.83

*Adults and children will love these original, easy-to-sing, songs for all occasions. Chorded for guitar or autoharp.*