

YMCA CCRR Workshops

Parent ACCB Session

Oct. 12, 2024, 11am – 1pm;
ICC Building, Vanderhoof; Fee: Free
[Register here!](#)

Leadership Community of Practice

Oct. 25 - June 18, 7pm – 9pm
Online Via Zoom; Fee: \$20
[Register here!](#)



Coffee & Chat Networking

Oct. 26, 2024, 10am - 12pm; CCRR
Family Room (2020 Massey); Fee: \$5
[Register here!](#)

Spooky Halloween Lantern

Make & Take
Oct. 26, 2024, 11am-1pm
ICC Building, Vanderhoof; Fee: \$5
[Register here!](#)



YMCA CCRR Program News

A huge “Thank you!” to all of the child care providers and families that came out to support us (and have some fun) for Summer Park Plays. Our Indigenous Advisor also had the opportunity to participate in the Niwikowin’s summer series at Wilkins Park during July and August – thank you so much MNBC for inviting us to this wonderful event. To wrap up summer, CCRR PG brought a ton of fun to the Beverly Block Party, we were very well received – and met a lot of great new people.

We have so far had great turnouts at our Active Play, and Friday Play Time groups since they have resumed in September. Tuesday Active Play (for child care providers and parents/guardians with children aged 0-5 years) is still at Highland (155 McDermid) and is now running from 10am-12pm. Friday Play Time (for parents/guardians of children aged 0-5 years) at the Massey YMCA Rec room, is also now running from 10am-12pm. A reminder that these are provider/parent participating programs, and closures follow the SD 57 calendar.

The CCRR Vanderhoof is also running a play group called “Little Explorers” at the ICC Building - Vanderhoof YMCA (for child care providers and parents of children 0-5 years), on Fridays from 11:00am -1:00pm. This is a provider/parent participating program and closures follow the SD 91 Calendar.

YMCA CCRR Program Features

If you are in need of child care, please don’t hesitate to contact us! Simply fill out our [Find a Child Care Provider](#) form to let us know your needs. We will quickly get in touch with you to organize a child care referral. We’re here to help!

Have you had a chance to explore our Fall 2024 Professional Development schedule? If not, you can find it [here](#). We offer various professional development choices both online and in-person, with start times in the evenings and on Saturday mornings. Register at mynbcy.ca for more information!

Community Events

Emergency Child Care - Lifesavers First Aid

Saturday, October 12 & 26, 2024:
8:00am-5:00pm, 439 Cassiar St.
Fee: \$150. Call: 250-562-1238
[Register here!](#)



P&R Organics Host "Abel & Embers 5th Annual Pumpkin Patch"

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 12800
Salmon Valley Road, Prince George
Fee: Free. Face painting, hayrides,
food truck, market, activities.

PG Haunted Maze

October 18-31, 2024: (Various
dates and scare level). Exhibition
Park, Prince George Fee: By
donation of cash & non-
perishables. See link for "scare
times" appropriate for young
children: <https://www.facebook.com/pghauntedmaze/>

Hunniford Garden Harvest Days

Oct. 2024 (Various Dates & Events)
8845 Aquarius Rd. Prince George;
Fee: Event Dependant.

Pumpkin Patches, Fright Nights and
Markets. *Special: Oct. 4, 2024 –
Daycare special of \$88
<https://www.hunnifordgardens.com/hunnifordgardensharvestdays.html>

Family Resources

**Child care providers, parents,
grandparents and caregivers are all
welcome.**

Active Play (Highlands)

Tuesdays, 10AM-12PM
Highlands Child Development Center

Family Play Time (Massey)

Fridays, 10AM-12PM
Prince George Family YMCA

Little Explorers Playtime (Vanderhoof)

Fridays, 10AM-12PM
Integris Community Center
Vanderhoof

Child Care News

Subscribe to the [ChildCareBC Bulletin](#) to stay informed of any updates! The latest update contains information about the following:

- New \$10 a Day Intake Coming this Fall
- The Verification Audit Unit
- 2025-26 Minor Capital Funding Requests for School Districts; requests accepted until September 29, 2024
- Appetite to Play: Meal Planning and Eating Well in the Early Years workshop
- First Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding on Early Learning and Child Care for First Nations

ChildCareBc - The [2024 Child Care Sector Engagement Pool Survey](#) is now open. All child care professionals, organizations and child care sector partners in British Columbia are invited to participate in a short survey to join ChildCareBC's pool of organizations and individuals who are interested in participating in upcoming engagements. The information and feedback we receive during these engagement sessions help us continue to work to build an affordable, inclusive and quality child care system in British Columbia.

Reminder: The [2024 British Columbia general election](#) is scheduled for October 19, 2024. Starting September 21, 2024, when the election is officially called, the B.C. government will enter a caretaker period which limits government communication to statutory, routine, emergency or public health and safety matters. Families, providers and the early childhood workforce will continue to be supported through ChildCareBC programs during the caretaker period.

YMCA CCRR Services ... We are here to help!

Families

- Child Care Information and Referrals, including community referrals.
- Knowledge of ChildCareBC initiatives to help lessen the cost of child care (Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative) and support with the application process (Affordable Child Care Benefit).
- Workshops, drop-in programs and family programming to help assist you in your parenting journey.
- Early learning library resources for borrowing to help foster your child's development through play.

Child Care Providers and Child Care Workforce

- Information on becoming a Licensed Child Care Provider.
- Application assistance for ChildCareBC initiatives, i.e., Start Up Grant Funding, Wage Enhancement, Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative., etc.
- Workshops and courses to help nourish your early learning practices.
- Community referrals to help strengthen your child care programs.
- Professional networking opportunities to help widen your child care community.
- Early learning library resources for borrowing to help supplement your curricula and early learning provocations.

Articles of Interest



The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society has a resource library that you can access! The Resource Centre's collection is focused on materials with Indigenous content and promotes learning and information sharing among parents, child care students and professionals, educators, academics, researchers, policymakers and anyone interested in Indigenous early learning. Become a member to borrow materials, get discounts on their annual conference, and more!

Highlighted here is one of their ECE Curriculum Kits-Moe the Mouse® Speech and Language Development Program. This kit is an innovative early speech and language resource that uses Indigenous toys and stories to enhance language development in children ages 3–5. Activities and materials in the curriculum box help parents and educators provide opportunities for children to practice language skills in a natural setting.

For further information, please see:

- [Moe the Mouse® Speech and Language Development Program](#)
- [BCACCS Resource Centre](#)

Early Learning Library Corner

Please be aware that the Sitka Catalogue (available on [Sitka](#) and on our [CCRR Webpage](#)) may not accurately reflect our current inventory. We appreciate your patience as we work on updating this information.

For any inquiries about the Lending Library, reach out to Heidi via email at: heidi.wyss@bc.ymca.ca or call our office at (250) 563 – 2483. Thank you!



Table Top Light Tables (1 Round; 1 Rectangle)

Light Table Accessories #1 and #2 shown



Tuff Trays (1 Small Round; 1 Large Square)

Metal "Wow" Pack shown, and various other Loose Parts Bins

Library Features for Autumn

In this season of change, children learn to appreciate the beauty in transformation and the joy of simple pleasures. The lessons of autumn, stay with them long after the leaves have fallen. Thanksgiving also offers a wonderful opportunity to express gratitude while exploring the themes of growing, harvesting, and enjoying delicious food! To stimulate investigation and learning, check out our selection of Autumn resources below!



Autumn 1 (3748)



Autumn 2 (3755)



Library Resources

Click the links below to view additional pictures of our Early Learning Library resources!

- [Active Play](#)
- [Animal](#)
- [Construction](#)
- [Dramatic Play](#)
- [Games](#)
- [Highland](#)
- [Nature](#)
- [Nutrition](#)
- [Puppet](#)
- [Puzzle](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Social](#)
- [Story Bag](#)
- [Toddler](#)

