

YMCA CCRR Workshops

Guiding Caring & Discipline

Jan 22, 10:00 – 11:30AM, Online via ZOOM, FREE!

Do-It Yourself Felt Story Make and Take

Jan 25, 10:00AM – 12:00PM, CCRR PG Family Room, \$5

How To Integrate Nature Education Into Your Existing Curriculum

Jan 30, 7:00 – 9:00PM, Online via ZOOM, \$10!

Visit mybcy.ca to register!

YMCA CCRR Program News

Welcome to the New Year 2025, and the Year of the Snake! Chinese New Year will be welcomed on January 29th, 2025. We hope one of your New Years resolutions is to come and join us at CCRR in Prince George and Vanderhoof for a playgroup, a workshop, child care/subsidy information, or to visit our Lending Library!



Our Prince George office has an area for children to explore while you are here borrowing resources or gathering information.

We also invite you to view our Winter 2025 Professional Development schedule [here](#) for Child Care and Parent related workshops in January, February, and March.

All drop-in playgroups will resume the second week of January. Join us in Prince George at Highland Development Centre (Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm), and at Massey YMCA Rec Room (Friday 10:00am-12:00pm). For our Vanderhoof clients Little Explorers is at the Integris Community Centre - 186 Columbia St. W, on Fridays (11:00am-1pm). *Please note all CCRR PG Play Groups follow the SD #57/SD #51 calendars for closures.

Stay connected with us on our social media channels for updates, tips, and community highlights. We are committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all, and your involvement is what makes our community thrive. Let's make 2025 a year of growth and discovery together!



YMCA CCRR Program Features

It's time for our yearly **program evaluation survey**! Completing it will take approximately five minutes, and by doing so, you'll have a chance to win two FREE workshops! We would love to hear your feedback and thoughts regarding our YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral program. Your opinions are incredibly important to us and will help shape our future planning and decision-making. We truly value your input!

In case you haven't heard, CCRR programs throughout the province can now advertise early learning job openings on **EYPD**. Do you have a position you'd like to promote on this platform? If so, please reach out to us [here](#). This service is provided at no cost, and we are eager to assist you in filling your staffing needs.



Have you sign-up for a supportive site visit yet? Our consultants are eager to assist you with Library Resource Provocation Setup, Story/Circle Time, Event Support, and even Professional Development Workshops (certificate included!). Additionally, we offer resource drop-off and pick-up services for our Early Learning Library materials! Sign up [here](#)!

Are you making the most of our **Early Learning Library Portal**? It allows you to search for items and place them on hold, ensuring they're available when you need them! Additionally, it features photos and content lists that simplify the resource counting process significantly!

Are you seeking additional Professional Development hours but find yourself short on time? Explore our Self-Paced online Workshops available through **YMCA Ignite**, allowing you to study anytime, even at midnight! If you prefer in-person workshops, feel free to sign up [here](#).

YMCA CCRR Event Photos



Tea's the Season Networking



Active Play @ Highland Dvp. Centre

Did you get photographed at one of our events? Check out our social media to see if you were featured!

Community Events

Lifesavers: Emergency Child Care First Aid

Jan 11 or 24, 8:00AM-5:00PM, 439 Cassiar St, Prince George, \$150
Registration:
<https://www.lifesaversfirstaid.ca/emergency-child-care/>

Exploration Place

- Homeschooler Mondays
- Daycare Wednesdays
- Donation Thursdays

Cost: Special pricing available
Registration:
<https://theexplorationplace.com/programs/>

Pineview Snow Frolics 2025

Feb 1-9, Register a Team (in January), pricing for events varies. Snowshow Volleyball, Milk Jug Curling, Snow Pitch, Kids Games, Pickleball, Karaoke, Pancake Breakfast and more!
Contact: Connie @ 250-963-8214



Family Drop-Ins

Our Highland, Massey & Vanderhoof drop-in programs are in full swing! Join us!

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! Past Bulletin editions can be found [here](#).

Government of Canada - [Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education](#): Did you know that you can nominate an early childhood educator or teacher for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education? Award recipients are celebrated for their leadership, outstanding practices in early childhood education, and dedication to providing children with a strong foundation for a successful start in life. These awards are managed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development on behalf of the Prime Minister, in collaboration with Employment and Social Development Canada, Indigenous Services, and the Public Health Agency of Canada. [Be sure to nominate a child care provider or teacher by the deadline of January 15th!](#)

Article of Interest

Ruptures in the Margins: Storytelling Outside of Euro-Western Practices Pt 1 - [Chelsea Hann](#) (Early Childhood Pedagogy Network).

"In early childhood programs, stories are woven into the fabric of daily life in many ways. Whether greeting children and hearing about their weekend adventures, comforting a sick child with a favourite book, exchanging ideas with a group of children at the lunch table, or sharing exciting moments of the day with families, stories are ever-present. These examples highlight how stories thrive in exchanges; this is not an exhaustive list of how stories live within early years programs.

Stories are central to early childhood education because they shape how we understand ourselves and the world around us. In this blog post, I explore the complexity of the term "story" and consider what stories in early childhood education might look like and make possible... "

To read more, see [here](#).



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 to aid child development through play.

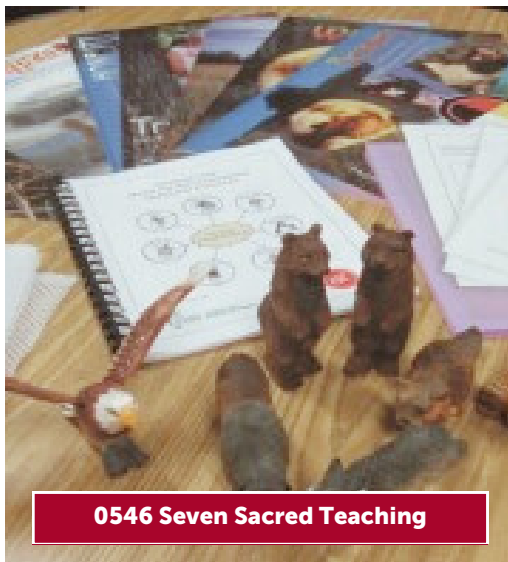
Child Care Providers & Workforce Support:

- Guidance on becoming a licensed child care provider
- Application assistance for ChildCareBC initiatives (e.g., Start Up Grant, Wage Enhancement)
- Workshops and courses for improving early learning practices
- Community referrals to enhance child care programs
- Networking opportunities to widen your child care community
- Access to early learning library resources for curriculum support

Early Learning Library Corner

If you are looking to inspire circle time, our lending Library has over 50 book bags available to borrow. These book bags range from classic tales to modern concepts. Each bag is different, and may include: big books, books, felt books, felt stories, props, finger puppets and more! You can view our box bag inventory [here](#).

Also, our [Lending Library Agreement](#) is now available online. In addition, if you join our [mailing list](#), you can stay updated on workshops, events, and more!



0546 Seven Sacred Teaching



0124 If You Give a Moose a Muffin



0405 Itchy Bear



0207 Owl Babies



0173 Polar Bear, Polar Bear



0421 The Mitten

Social Media & YMCA CCRR

Our social media channels are your gateway to staying informed and connected; we regularly highlight our events, drop-in programs, and other key offerings. Follow us to discover more about these exciting opportunities!

click here

 @YMCAPGCCRR

 @CCRRPG

