

---

# CHILD CARE CONNECTOR

---

Sept - Oct 2005

~ Working in partnership for quality child care ~

Vol. 15 / No. 4



## WHAT'S NEW IN CHILD CARE?

*B.C. Government Promotes CCRR's*

Between August 15th to September 15th the Provincial Government will launch a multi-media campaign to raise the awareness of Child Care Resource & Referrals province wide. Advertisements in the local newspapers along with television and radio announcements administered by Global's Zac Spencer of the Early News will promote CCRR's as the one-stop shop for child care. All thirty-eight CCRR's have received a multi-media kit complete with a new logo, promotional video/dvd, and posters to promote their individual programs. In conjunction with the campaign we will be found at Hillside Education Trade Show from August 25th to 28th to promote our CCRR. In addition we can also be found at Cedar Hill Recreation on Saturday September 10th from 11:00am -3:00pm for Family Fest 2005. Please join us and encourage others to attend and find out about the services we offer.

*"Your community's best source of Child Care information and resources."*

## PROGRAM UPDATES

Welcome back. As the season changes so will the services at Victoria Child Care Resource & Referral. Our focus will continue to serve informal, licensed-not-required, family licensed, group day care, preschool and out-of-school care programs while working in partnership with the community to promote early childhood care and education. With the anticipated expansion to our services and the building of our profile we will be increasing our visibility within the Saanich Peninsula by setting up a satellite program that meets the needs of the parents and child care providers in that particular region. In addition, a couple of new outreach programs will be found within the Greater Victoria Area.

During autumn we launch our professional development and training programs. Over the course of the year we will be offering new dynamic speakers that will support the professional development of child care providers, parents, and the community at large. Three training sessions, (first aid, income tax, and Good Beginnings training) are incorporated into the schedule in order to assist the professional through the child care business. **Please review the insert and register early to avoid disappointment.**

As of September 2005 Frances Thomasset will be specialized in her role as Child Care Consultant with the designate of Recruitment and Registration. She will also be offering ongoing support for all licensed group, family, licensed not required, and community partners. She can be reached at 382-7000 ext. 223 to book an appointment.

*Sherry-Lynn Lidemark*

**Pg. 1** What's New in Child Care?/Program Updates **Pg. 2** Workshops/Networking/Meet Joanne

**Pg. 3** Provider Page **Pg. 4** Our New Resources/Gulf Island Connector

**INSERTS:** Calendar/VCCRR Workshop Registration Form, The Kindergarten Connection, BC Child Care Provider News, VCCRR Networking & Late Night Openings, QA Workshops, SVIFCCA Workshop List, BC Aboriginal Child Care Society, First Aid Workshop

---

# VICTORIA CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL

SINCE 1990

~ serving child care providers and parents in Greater Victoria and the Southern Gulf Islands ~

---

**VCCRR WORKSHOPS**

Please note that workshops and late night opening will now be held on **Wednesday evenings**. The evening workshops will be held at the Centennial United Church right across the street from our office. Access to the Church will be off David Street. Parking will be available at our office and on David Street.

**Wednesday, Sept. 21/05**

Fostering Mutual Friendships for Children with ASD Facilitator: Heather McCracken

This workshop will examine ways to promote mutually rewarding friendships between children with autism spectrum and related disorders.

Location: Centennial United Church  
Please pre-register use the **VCCRR Workshop Registration Form** or phone the office @ 382-7000.

**Wednesday, Oct. 19/05**

Asset Building Facilitator: Colin Ross

Learn about how to look for and develop the strengths of children in your child care program. Please pre-register use the **VCCRR Workshop Registration Form** or phone the office @ 382-7000.



**Meet Our New Staff Member - Joanne**

*Hello*, my name is Joanne Cruickshank and I have been hired by the VCCRR to fill the role of a child care consultant. My past experience includes owning a Family Child Care up Island for fourteen years and employment with PacificCARE for the past 5 years. I will be filling Patsy's role here and continuing to provide Drop-Ins, Training and support for the caregivers. I look forward to assisting you and can be reached at **382-7000, local 231** or you can drop into the Networking evening held in our office the first Wednesday evening of each month from 7 to 9pm.

**VCCRR PLAYGROUPS**

**Esquimalt Park and Recreation**

527 Fraser Street  
Free Drop In Playgroup for Parents and Caregivers  
Friday Mornings: 10:30 am - 12:00 am

**Victoria West Community Y**

531 Craigflower Road  
Drop In Fee: \$3.00 per Family Child Care group  
Tuesdays Mornings: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Are you having trouble coming into our office to drop off/pick up activity boxes and other resources? Why not use the playgroups and/or the Networking evenings to facilitate this. Just phone our office the day before the play group and we will bring the resources to the play group.

**NETWORKING AND LATE NIGHT OPENINGS @ VCCRR 7-9 PM**

Networking Evenings and our late nights will both be held on **THE first Wednesday of each month**. Please come by and check out our new additions to the library, look at our new felt stories and book bags or pick-up and drop-off activity boxes. Please refer to the Networking & Late Night Openings insert for more information.

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

**Childcare Training & Supervision**

**With Barb Aust B.Ed.M.Ed.**

Hosted by

**Salt Spring Island Community Services, Family Place**

All workshops will be held on a **Saturdays** from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

- Location: 268 Fulford-Ganages Road Salt Spring Island
- September 24** - Session One: Defining the vision for the daycare. What is your philosophy? What do parents want?
- October 15** - Session Two: Team Building, communication, developing positive relationships with students, parents, board members and what to do when communication breaks down.
- November 5<sup>th</sup>** - Session Three: Developing a strategic plan of operation. Involving all the stakeholders in the operation of the day care/preschool
- December 4<sup>th</sup>** - Session Four: Supervision of staff, evaluation of staff and programs

**Please register with Ragahild at (250) 537-9176.**

# PROVIDER PAGE

## Parent – Child Mother Goose Program

Delight in a 10 week program of oral story, song & rhyme! This program is for parents and babies to enjoy together 0-12 months.

Free

**September 21, 2005 – November 23, 2005**

Wednesday mornings 10:00 am – 11:30 am

St. Aiden's United Church @ 3703 St. Aidan's Street  
(Cedar Hill Cross Road and Richmond Road)

For registration & information contact Rose Christensen

Telephone: (250) 598-9693

Email: [rfrosaline@yahoo.ca](mailto:rfrosaline@yahoo.ca)

"invest in the future, have a child and teach her well"-  
unknown

Is your first aid up to date?  
**CHILDSAFE FIRST AID  
COURSE**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2005**

**LOCATION: TRAVELODGE**

**TIME: 9:00—5:00**

**Please see enclosed registration form!**

## ECE of British Columbia

Next meeting is at Rogers Child Care

765 Roger Avenue

September 26, 2005

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

With guest speaker Scott Smith,

Subject: Circle Time Fun

## Robert Steele Memorial Fund

The Single Parent Resource Centre has received funds from the Robert Steele Memorial Fund in order to provide grants for dental work for children. The grant (\$400 maximum) are designated for the children of single parents only.

**Please note:** eligible dental work can only be done after the application process is complete and only by participating dentists. For more information please call the **Single Parent Resource Centre at 385-1144.**

Are you providing child care in the afternoons in the Broadmead or Cordova Bay Area?

We have parents who require care for their children. Please contact VCCRR so that we can pass on the information. 382-7000



## Windermere Valley Childcare Society Invermere B.C.

**Job title:** Infant toddler assistant/ daycare supervisor

**Facility:** Windermere Valley Childcare Society

**Hours:** 35-40 hours per week

**Qualifications:** Post basic ECE. infant toddler qualifications & experience an asset. Must be a team player, energetic and committed to qualified childcare. Must have current first Aide certificate.

**Salary:** ECE applicant to start a @ \$13.00/hour  
Benefit package available after 3months

**Contact:** Arlee Romane Executive Director  
Box 2257 Invermere B.C. VOA 1KO  
ph (250-342-3168)

## Spider Websites@Swan Lake

What carnivorous animal makes thread stronger than steel, injects venom to liquefy its prey and ingests food with a sucking stomach? The web of intrigue will be spun and unfolded in our stage presentation. Make a spider craft, meet the locals and find out which is dangerous. Don't forget to shake hands with Rosebud the Tarantula. Suitable for all ages.



**PLACE:** Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary,  
3873 Swan Lake Road

**TIME:** 1:00 - 3:00 pm, presentation at 1:15

**DATE:** Sunday, September 18

**COST:** Donations greatly appreciated

**CONTACT:** Margaret Lidkea

**Telephone:** 479-0211

**Email:** [www.swanlake.bc.ca](http://www.swanlake.bc.ca)

## Healthy Kids

Healthy Kids is a program that extends basic dental and vision care to children in low and moderate income families, and to children receiving services through MHR who are not eligible for enhanced MHR-sponsored coverage.

Healthy Kids is one of government's many programs to assist low-income families.

For more information about the Healthy Kids initiative, please call the Ministry of Human Resources Health Assistance Branch toll free at 1 800 748-1144

**(Note: Healthy Kids is not a reimbursement program. Families will not be reimbursed by the ministry if they have already paid a dentist or other health care practitioner for services.)**

