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Announcements

Dear Child Care Providers, Early Years Professionals, and Families,

Happy Holiday Season!

We said our best wishes and good luck to Natalie Townsend, our former CCRR Outreach Consultant who has moved on to other adventures on Vancouver Island. Alyssa Goodsell has stepped into the Outreach Consultant role, please give her a warm welcome!

We are also thrilled to announce the addition of Ashleigh Davies as our new Assistant Manager and Municipal Consultant at CCRR!

Thank you for checking out our newsletter! Within these pages, you'll find information about our program updates, child care news, and information about programs and events for families and child care providers. We hope you find this information helpful to your early learning practices!

All the best,
Tunde Getaneh
Manager, Child and Parent Programs, CCRR

Meet Ashleigh



Ashleigh is a familiar face to many families, previously in the role of CAPC coordinator and parent community liaison, Ashleigh is excited to step into her new role as Assistant Manager of Child and Family Programs and Municipal Consultant. Ashleigh recently graduated with her bachelors in Early Childhood Education & Care, has worked as a post-secondary instructor, runs professional workshops for educators throughout Canada, and worked with children in a variety of roles the last decade. When not at work, Ashleigh is likely to be at home with her partner and dog, Pigeon, playing Trivia Pursuit or singing along to Broadway musicals.

Meet Alyssa



My name is Alyssa Goodsell, I graduated with my Bachelor's of Early Childhood Education at Capilano University. I will be taking on the role at NSCR as the Outreach Consultant. I value the importance of quality care and empowering the community through support, resources, and drop-in programs for childcare providers, caregivers, and families. I want to build a nurturing community with the NSCR and North Shore Communities, and am looking forward to meeting everyone! As someone who grew up and still resides on the North Shore, my favourite walking spot is the salmon Hatchery!. If you ever see me out in the community, please say hi! :)

Community Events

Click each poster for additional details.

Mother Goose for Caregivers

St. Andrew's United Church
1044 St. George's Ave
North Vancouver

MONDAYS
9:45 - 10:45 AM

JANUARY 15 - MARCH
25TH 2024

Mother Goose is all about learning songs to share with your little one. Come and join us, we will sing, tell a story and share a snack.

Contact julie.ngo@nscr.ca
for more information



Mother Goose for Parents

Salvation Army
105 12th St W
North Vancouver

TUESDAYS
10:30 - 11:30 AM

JANUARY 16 -
MARCH 19, 2024

We will learn songs to sing to your little ones. Come and join us for singing and a snack on Tuesdays!

Contact
alysa.goodsell@nscr.ca
for more information



Circle of Care Playgroup for Child Care Providers

Parkgate Community Centre
3625 Banff Ct, North Vancouver
V7H 2Z8

FRIDAYS
9:30 - 11:00 AM
JAN 12 - JUNE 21

For nannies, family and informal child care providers, and grandparents.

Enjoy free play with your child/children with circle time at the end! Snacks will be provided.

To register for the FREE event, contact Julie Ngo at
julie.ngo@nscr.ca
604-982-3316

SCAN TO JOIN OUR LENDING LIBRARY!



Intergenerational Mother Goose

Lions Gate Community Centre
1733 Lions Gate LN, North
Vancouver

FRIDAYS
10 - 11 AM

JANUARY 19 - MARCH 15

Mother Goose is a FREE program and all about learning songs to share with your little one. Come and join us, we will sing, tell a story and share a snack.

For questions, contact
Alyssa Goodsell at
alysa.goodsell@nscr.ca or
604.982.3322.

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Intergenerational Mother Goose

Cedarview Lodge
1200 Cedar Village Close
North Vancouver

TUESDAYS
1:30 - 2:30 PM

JANUARY 16 - MARCH 26
2024

Mother Goose is a FREE
program and all about
learning songs to share
with your little one. Come
and join us, we will sing, tell
a story and share a snack.

For questions, contact
Patricia Asbun at
patricia.asbun@nscr.ca or
604.982.3325.

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Free Things to Do With Your Baby or Child on the North Shore this Fall

Looking for free activities to do with your
young children this Fall?

The Winter Season Free Things Flyer will be
released in early January 2024. The flyer is
brought to you by NSCR and the North
Shore's Community Action Program for
Children and Families (CAPC).



Parent Activity Group Workshops

Free monthly workshops and activities to support you on your parenting journey!

December 13th: From Surviving to Thriving: Understanding Big Emotions and Behaviours with Early Years Thriving

If you're interested in any of these workshops please email ashleigh.davies@nscr.ca for more information.

Upcoming Workshops



December Workshops

[December 7 - Saplings Outdoor Program Workshop \(in-person\)](#)

January Workshops

[January 11 - Building Positive Relationships workshop \(in person\)](#)

[January 25 - Utilizing Your Space to Meet Your Child's Needs \(online\)](#)

February Workshops

[February 3 - Disability & Supporting Families \(online\)](#)

[February 15 - Essential Guide: BC Employment Laws' \(part 1 / online\)](#)



February 22 - BC Employment Laws Basic
(part 2/online/must attend part 1)

March Workshops

[March 14th - Make it Fun - Engaging Activities for Children \(in person\)](#)

[March 21 - Outdoor Group Management and Risk Assessment \(online\)](#)

View and register for upcoming workshops at [Child & Parent Programs \(nscr.ca\)](https://www.nscr.ca)

Questions about any of our workshops? Call us at 604.985.7138

Lending Library



Information On Our Lending Library

The Child Care Resource Program's library is designed to encourage a **richly diverse learning environment**.

Please note our new borrowing limit of 5 items from the **toy library** (includes story kits and felt stories) and 5 items from the **book library**.

Resources are available for loan to registered library members. Registration is free.

Fill out the [library registration form](#).

View library toys, puzzles, tote bags etc. in our [catalogue](#).

Once you have selected the items you would like to borrow, please contact a CCRR Community Support Consultant (contact information below). You can also drop into our office to browse and choose the items you would like to borrow.

We are located inside the Capilano Mall, on the second floor.

Please contact the following staff to arrange borrowing or if you need more information on our library:

Patricia, email: patricia.asbun@nscr.ca

Fariba, email: fariba.aghdassi@nscr.ca

Activities

Follow us [@nscrconnect](#) for more activity ideas!



Snow Painting



Fort Building

Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle

Transforming a baby wipes container or tissue box into an engaging toddler activity is a fantastic idea. Fill the container with an assortment of colorful fabrics, creating a sensory-rich experience for little ones. This activity not only allows children to explore various textures but also sparks their imagination as they find creative ways to interact with the fabric-filled box.

Winter is quickly approaching, this is a great activity to bring outdoors or indoors where children can be creative and imaginative with painting, and expands children perspectives on painting. This give children the opportunity to engage with nature.

Constructing forts presents a wonderful chance for caregivers and children to collaborate. As they build a fort, they can transform it into a tea party setting, a reading nook, or a cozy corner. Creating a DIY fort at home not only allows children to participate in gross-motor activities but also encourages imaginative play.

New Facilities

Berry Family/Dorothy Lynas Elementary –new Group Child Care Facility

Cora Early Learning - Registered License not Required Child Care provider became In-home Multi-age Child Care Facility

Golden Star's Learning Academy - new Group Child Care Facility

Jasmin's Childcare Center - new Group Child Care Facility

Liliom Child Care - Multi-age Child Care became Group Child Care Facility

Little Diamonds Multi-Age Childcare -In-home Multi-age Child Care became Multi-age Child Care Facility

Little Einstein 2 - Licensed Family Child Care became In-home Multi-age Child Care Facility

Little Learners - new Registered License not Required Child Care provider

Information and Resources

[Oh Canada! A day for discussion and reflection on the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan](#)

April 15, 2024 | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM | Vancouver, BC. Cost: \$100 USD. *100 spaces available for delegates from Canada only

A day of learning and discussion about the plan. A priority of this guiding framework is for all Indigenous children have the opportunity to experience high-quality, culturally-strong ELCC.

- What has been successful in provinces?
- What are the challenges?
- What should be our priority?
- How can we work together to ensure that the system is robust for children and families, Educators and the communities in which we serve?

[World Forum on Early Care and Education](#)

April 16-19, 2024 | Vancouver, BC. Early childhood professionals and advocates from around the world assemble in Vancouver to engage in work and dialogue to impact the futures of young children and their families.

[ECE Professional Development Bursary Fund](#)

In partnership with The Province of British Columbia and The Government of Canada, Westcoast Family Centres (Westcoast), formerly Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre, established Phase 2 of The ECE Professional Development Bursary Fund for early childhood educators and other child care professionals in B.C. This Fund will operate until February 17, 2024.

[Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative \(CCFRI\) Funding Guidelines 2023-24](#)

To be eligible, a facility needs to receive Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) and offer child care in a CCFRI-eligible care category.

[AMCC Funding Application](#)

This is an application for partial funding for the Administration & Management for Child Care (AMCC) Course. This is not the registration page for the AMCC Course.

Find out more.

[New Language Funding](#)

This funding supports First Nations-governed initiatives that reclaim, revitalize, maintain and

strengthen First Nations languages in Canada!

Apply directly to the Department of Canadian Heritage.. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years.

[Start-Up Grants for Becoming a Licensed Child Care Facility](#)

The Start-Up Grants program is designed to increase the number of licensed child care spaces available to B.C. families by supporting individuals who want to operate a licensed child care facility in their personal residence. The grant assists with the costs associated with obtaining a Group Care, Family, and In-Home Multi-Age (IHMA) license type under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act and Child Care Licensing Regulation.

Applicants should ensure they understand how to open a licensed child care facility, and are encouraged to contact their regional Health Authority Licensing Office prior to applying to become familiar with licensing regulations in their area. All Start-Up Grant funding is subject to availability

Additional Resources and Links

[Magical Christmas Events Around Vancouver \(bcparent.ca\)](#)

Check out BC Parent for some great ideas of what to do around Vancouver this holiday season! Please note some companies have other events listed into the new year.

Christmas events are a festive tapestry woven with joy, warmth, and tradition, bringing communities together in celebration. From dazzling light displays that transform neighbourhoods into enchanting wonderlands to the heartwarming melodies of carolers resonating through the air, the holiday season is a time of shared merriment.

[Dunderave Festival of Lights](#)

Come on down and see 150 Festively Lit Christmas Trees Benefiting the Lookout Housing Society, December 2 - January 7, Free Concert Saturdays! Keep an eye out for NSCR's!

Up-To-Date COVID-19 Information

- [Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [HealthLink BC](#)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

Thank You

Our Community Partners: John Braithwaite Community Centre; North and West Vancouver Library; Parkgate Community Centre; St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, NS ECEBC, Salvation Army, Cedarview Care Facility, Lynn Valley Care Center, Kiwanis Care Facility, St. Andrew's Church, North Vancouver School District, West Vancouver School District, Squamish Nation, Tsleil Waututh Nation, Capilano Community Services Society, Lions Gate Community Center.

Our Funders: The Ministry of Education and Child Care; City of North Vancouver; District of North Vancouver; District of West Vancouver and the North Shore News

About Our Organization

North Shore Community Resources Society

Capilano Mall
201-935 Marine Drive
North Vancouver, BC V7P 1S3
604-985-7138

A non-profit society with a variety of information and support services, including:

- Information North Shore
- Legal Information and Advocacy
- North Shore Caregiver Support Program
- Seniors' One Stop Information
- North Shore Better at Home Program
- North Shore Child Care Resource and Referral Program
- Volunteer North Shore
- Housing North Shore
- Host for North Shore Inter-Agency Network.

The CCRR program provides the following services:

- Newsletters
- Workshops and training courses
- Library of books, music, video and resources
- Equipment and toy lending
- Laminating and photocopying
- Job postings
- Computer access
- Referrals to child care facilities

As well as support and consultation for parents, child care providers and the community. For other information and resources please check our [website](#).

Staff Contact Information

Would you like email updates?

If you would like to be kept informed and up-to-date with our program and with current events in child care, please let us know.

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