

Newcomer & Diversity ECE Resources Fall 2013

ELSA Net – www.elsanet.org/site/resources/links-childcare-educators

This page provides information and resources for service providers, early childhood educators, child-minding educators, policy makers and the general public on newcomer children – kids aged 0-12 from immigrant, refugee, and/or temporary resident families.

Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre –

www.wstcoast.org/free_resources.html

Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre provides information, referrals, training and resources to families, individuals and organizations who are seeking the best care and early learning for children.

CMAS – Supporting the Care and Settlement of Young Immigrant Children

The following online courses are free and available through the link below:

- Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention
- Language Rich Environments
- Responsive Curriculum in your Child Centered Program
- Separation Anxiety and Culture Shock
- Working with Newcomer Families

<http://cmascanada.ca/learning-centre/online-learning-centre/>

Early Childhood Educators of BC – www.ecebc.ca

ECEBC is the professional association for early childhood educators in BC, providing professional development, publications promoting high standards of practice and related resources.

Mothercraft - www.mothercraft.ca/index.php?q=ccc_archive

Free Online Professional Development Courses for Settlement Workers - Caring for Canada's Children.

AMSSA Newcomer Children Information Exchange – www.amssa.org

The AMSSA Newcomer Children Information Exchange (ANCIE) is a website created to provide information and resources for British Columbian service providers, educators, policy makers and the general public on newcomer children – kids aged 0-12 from immigrant, refugee, and/or temporary resident families.

BC Association of Family Resource Programs - www.frpbc.ca

The BC Association of Family Resource Programs promotes the Family Resource Program model as a community hub where both Canadian born families and those new to Canada can access family support, opportunities for engagement, and community resources.

Welcoming Newcomer Children - www.welcomingchildren.ca

A resource for teachers and others with an interest in supporting young newcomers from birth through age 8.

Early Childhood Investigations – www.earlychildhoodwebinars.org/presentations

Free ongoing professional development series that is delivered online. The presentations explore critical topics that offer new ideas and insights to ECE professionals and administrators.

Talk Together is a simple 8 page illustrated booklet which explains to parents:

- the importance of language
- the key milestones in a child's speech and language and development
- how to support children's language development
- what to do if they think there is a problem

<http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/en/Parent/Directory/Free%20Resources%20for%20Parents/Multi-lingual%20factsheets.aspx>

Embracing Diversity: Sharing Our Songs and Rhymes

bpl.bc.ca.nmsrv.com/kids/embracing-diversity/about-this-project

A website regarding cultural diversity and promotes inclusiveness.

Canadian Institute of Child Health

(CICH) dedicated to promoting and protecting the health, well-being and rights of all children and youth through monitoring, education and advocacy. These free hand washing fact sheets for parents to use with children are available in many languages including French, Punjabi, Mandarin, Arabic, Spanish & English. **English hand washing fact sheet:** <http://www.cich.ca/willenglish.html>

Parents Matter – www.parentsmatter.ca

The website has valuable free downloadable information in multilingual languages to support early childhood educators and families.

Mantra Lingua - www.mantralingua.com

Mantra Lingua is a UK based publishing house that supplies bilingual resources around the world. Mantra Lingua is about connecting languages for children.

Rainbow Caterpillar - www.rainbowcaterpillar.ca/index.html

Children's books in rainbow of languages.

Attachment Across Cultures -

www.attachmentcrosscultures.org/about/toolkit_eng.pdf

This toolkit is directed to all those interested in exploring and validating cross-cultural attachment beliefs, values and practices.

Positive Parenting (Videos)

www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/child_protection/positive_parenting.htm

Parenting Video for Newcomer Families in Four Languages: MCFD, the Vancouver, Surrey and Burnaby school districts and community partners, S.U.C.C.E.S.S., Mosaic and the South Vancouver Neighborhood House are partners in the creation of Understanding Positive Parenting and the Role of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, a new video project aimed at supporting and strengthening BC's immigrant and refugee communities.

Mama Lisa's World - www.mamalisa.com

Mama Lisa's World of Music, Kids Songs and International Culture.

The Pyramid Model for Supporting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children - <http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/index.html>

User-friendly training materials, videos and print resources which are available to help early care, health and education providers implement this model.

Stand Together or Fall Apart

Dr. Judith K. Bernhard of Ryerson University in Toronto, has recently written a book for professionals who work with immigrant children and families. ***Stand Together or Fall Apart: Professionals Working with Immigrant Families***, published by Fernwood, will be of particular interest to social workers, teachers, counsellors, settlement workers, early childhood educators, and child and youth care workers.

<http://standtogetherorfallapart.com>

Linguistically Appropriate Practice Roma Chumak-Horbatsch, an Associate Professor in the School of Early Childhood Studies at Ryerson University, offers a different viewpoint. In her book, *Linguistically Appropriate Practice: A Guide for Working with Young Immigrant Children*, she makes an argument that not only can young children successfully navigate two languages, but including the home language in a program actually facilitates the learning of English.

<http://www.ryerson.ca/content/dam/mylanguage/images/flyer.png>



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