



**CHILD CARE  
CONNECTIONS**  
South Peace

**NEWSLETTER**

# September & October 2009

## OFFICE INFORMATION

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Friday  
9:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.

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- Open House at CCRR
- Playgroups offered at CCRR
- The latest news
- Safe Spaces Training
- Toy Lending Library
- Interactive Playtime at CCRR
- Early Childhood Conference in Grande Prairie

## **Office Closure**

**September 7th-Labor Day**  
**October 12th-Thanksgiving Day**



Check out our website at: [www.childcarechoices.ca](http://www.childcarechoices.ca)

# SHOWCASING

## CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL

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We will be having an *OPEN HOUSE* at Child Care Resource and Referral to showcase our lending library containing theme boxes and a large assortment of toys. All of these are available for borrowing. In addition, we have many children's books and resource books for daycare providers and families. (membership required)

Come join us for the evening and find out how the CCRR office can assist you! Goodies will be provided and there is a chance to win one of our great door prizes.

We would like to invite anyone interested to drop in for our open house, whether you are already operating a daycare, plan to open a new daycare, are a parent or otherwise involved in early childhood education. Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

6:00PM - 8:00PM

OUR

# Parent/Child Interaction Group

STARTS UP AGAIN ON **SEPTEMBER 17**



This drop-in group is designed for children ages 0-6 along with their parent/caregiver. The morning includes free play, a circle time with songs, a craft and healthy snack. The group is free and everyone is welcome.

The Parent/Child Interaction Group is provided every Thursday from 10:30am until around noon at the Child Care Resource and Referral Office in the CO-OP Mall.

If you have any questions please contact Raelene Pearson at 250-782-1138 Ext. 222

# New to CCRR...

For those individuals who are not able to take part in a morning playgroup, we are now offering...

## BEDTIME STORIES

An evening playgroup for children ages 0-6 along with their parent/caregiver. Come join us on October 6th from 6:30pm-7:30pm for free play, a craft and then a song or story for wind down time. We are planning to offer this great opportunity on every second Tuesday of the month, starting in November.

**The drop-in program is free and anyone is welcome!**



First *Bedtime Stories* will be Tuesday, October 6th from 6:30pm—7:30pm.

\*CCRR Office in the CO-OP Mall\*

For further information contact Raelene Pearson at 250-782-1138 Ext 222



## **MAKE & TAKE NIGHTS**

We will not be offering our Make & Take Networking nights anymore due to a lack of interest. Instead we will be utilizing the evening openings for an evening playgroup. An evening playgroup gives families working during the day, the opportunity to participate in a playgroup with their child/children, who typically are not able to during the day. Daycare providers are welcome to participate with their own children as well.

## **EXTENDED HOURS RESUME**

**Our extended hours will begin again in September.**

|                         |                |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Late Opening :</b>   | September 8th  | 9:00am– 8:00pm |
|                         | October 6th    | 9:00am– 8:00pm |
| <b>Weekend Opening:</b> | September 26th | 10am-Noon      |
|                         | October 31st   | 10am-Noon      |

## **LAMINATING SERVICE**

Our laminating service is currently not available until further notice. Sorry about the inconvenience. Currently we are able to laminate items up to 8.5\*11. For larger items, please contact either Tiger Stationers (250-782-2907) or Community Printers (250-782-7108) and they should be able to help you.

### **Child Care Referrals**

Please keep CCRR updated about your current available child care spaces. Please send updates to Carmen at [cfossum@spcrs.ca](mailto:cfossum@spcrs.ca) or phone 250-782-1138. Thank-you!

### **Major/Minor Capital Funding Program**

Currently there is no Major Capital Funding available for Family Daycare start up costs.

Funding under the Minor Capital Funding Program is available to a maximum of \$2,000 per project to assist licensed, group, nonprofit child care providers in meeting health, safety and quality standards.

<http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare>



# Attention all Parents and 9 -12 year olds

The Child Care Resource & Referral Program  
is pleased to offer the

## HOME ALONE PROGRAM



### What is it?

A safety training program that gives kids the necessary safety and planning skills to be able to care for themselves while at home alone.

*Safety Action Plan • First Aid Basics • Home & Fire Safety  
• Snack and Kitchen Safety • Personal Safety*

When: October 26 & 27

Time: 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Where: Child Care Resource and Referral Office

Cost: \$5.00 - To cover the cost of snack and materials



Co-op Mall 10200 8th Street (Beside Sears)

Pre-registration is required: Please contact Raelene Pearson to register or for more information.

Tel: (250) 782-1138 ext. 222

**ccrr**  
Child Care Resource & Referral

12 SPACES  
AVAILABLE  
ONLY



SOUTH PEACE COMMUNITY RESOURCES SOCIETY

# Coming Soon!

## Safe Spaces Bullying Prevention Programming for Young Children

Safe Spaces is a bullying prevention program for preschool-aged children. This program is used in many child development and child care centers. Safe Spaces teaches young children how to treat others fairly and how to respond when they see others treat someone in an unkind way. Safe Spaces shows young children how to live peacefully with others. This is the key to bullying prevention. Safe Spaces teaches children about four key ideas-safe/not safe, friendly/not-friendly, feelings and fair/not fair.

Through specially designed experiences with puppets, story books, songs and art activities, children learn about these four Safe Spaces ideas. With the guidance of trained caregivers, children begin to use the Safe Spaces vocabulary, identify their own feelings as well as those of others, and learn how to act in friendly and fair ways

These goals help children to:

- Develop self-esteem
- Develop empathy for others
- Think critically
- Take action when they witness unfairness and bias



**Safe Spaces** consists of two sessions. The first session takes place just before you begin to implement the program and the second session takes place after participants in the training have implemented approximately 12-16 weeks of curriculum. Participants are supplied with materials and resources to support the program. CCRR will be offering this program to Licensed Family and Group Child Care Centers. *The cost is currently at a subsidized rate for the implementation kits, so don't hesitate and come get the training at a lower cost.*

**When:** Friday, November 6th from 6:00pm-9:00pm  
Saturday, November 7th from 9:00am-4:30pm

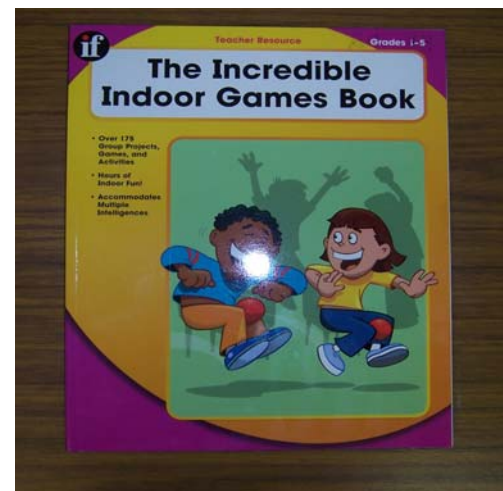
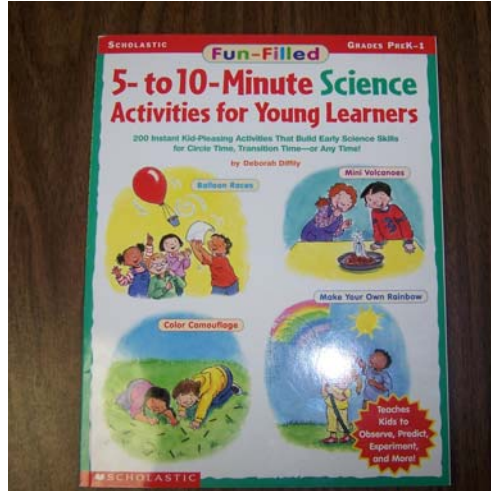
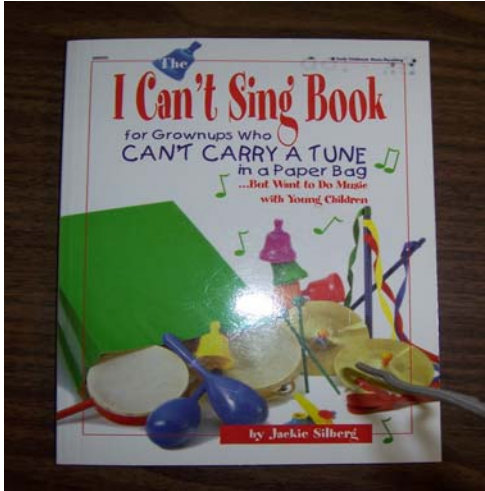
**Where:** CCRR Office, CO-OP Mall

**Costs:** Licensed Family Child Care Centers-\$120 includes implementation kit  
Licensed Group Centers & Preschools-\$300 includes implementation kit & all daycare staff training

**\*\*fees must be paid by October 9th to be able to order kits in time for training\*\***

**\*second session will be Saturday, January 30th from 9:00am-4:30pm\***

# TOY LENDING



TY 103- Little Tykes Large Wagon

TY 105- Picnic Table



TY194 Play Brix

OCTOBER is FIRE SAFETY MONTH... so come and borrow our **Fire Safety Theme Box** full of puzzles, games, and a fire fighter costume! We also have a binder full of ideas on how to incorporate the fire theme into your daycare. Art ideas, coloring pages, snacks and experiments you can do.



Lending time is one week only for the month of October



## September Interactive Playtime

### FIRE SAFETY INTERACTIVE PLAYTIME

Come join us at CCRR for a Fire Safety Interactive Playtime. A fireman will be joining us to explain Fire Safety to us.

Who: Licensed Family Daycares  
When: September 30th, 2009  
Time: 10:00am—11:00am  
Where: CCRR Office



*-Please RSVP by September 25th as we need to know how many are attending-*

## OCTOBER INTERACTIVE PLAYTIME

### IT'S HALLOWEEN AT CCRR



Who: Licensed Family Daycares  
When: Friday, October 30th  
Time: 10:00am-11:00am  
Where: CCRR Office  
Cost: \$2.00 per child



Come out for a *spook-tac-cu-lar* morning of Halloween fun!  
Don't forget to come dressed in your costume!

*\*Please RSVP by October 26th as we need to know how many will be in attendance\**

# Check this out!

TEACH

PLAY

NURTURE

**!!! Date Change !!!**

**ANNUAL**

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE**

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> &  
Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

Grande Prairie Regional College, 10726-106<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Grande Prairie, Alberta

### **AGENDA AT A GLANCE.....**

#### **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Pre-Registration  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Sessions

#### **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Welcome & Keynote  
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Sessions  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch (*provided*)  
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sessions  
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Refreshment Break  
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sessions

**WATCH FOR  
REGISTRATION DETAILS  
COMING SOON!**

Conference  
Partners



Alliance of  
Early Learning  
Programs  
*Counting for Children*



Stepping Stones



Southern Alberta  
Child Development  
Centre

### **Sessions Being Offered...**

- ◆ Respect In the Workplace
- ◆ Superhero Play
- ◆ Joy of Music
- ◆ Child Welfare
- ◆ Open Ended Art
- ◆ Programming
- ◆ Celebrating what's Important
- ◆ Reggio Emilia
- ◆ Sexuality
- ◆ Literacy
- ◆ Resiliency
- ◆ Social & Emotional Development
- ◆ Accreditation
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Communicating with Parents
- ◆ Problem Solving
- ◆ Children and Trauma
- ◆ Language Development
- ◆ Professionalism In the Workplace
- ◆ Planning for Play
- ◆ Cultural Diversity
- ◆ Nutrition
- ◆ Grief & Loss
- ◆ Virtues Project
- ◆ Montessori
- ◆ Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

# September 2009

| SUN | MON  | TUES                               | WED   | THURS   | FRI | SAT                     |
|-----|--|------------------------------------|---|---|-----|-------------------------|
|     |  | 1                                  | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5                       |
| 6   | 7<br><b>CLOSED</b><br><br><b>Labor Day</b> | 8<br>Late Opening<br>9:00am-8:00pm | 9<br><i>back to school</i>                        | 10<br> | 11  | 12                      |
| 13  | 14   | 15                                 | 16  | 17<br>Parent/Child Interaction Group starts<br>10:30am                                    | 18  | 19                      |
| 20  | 21   | 22                                 | 23<br>Open House at CCRR<br>6-8pm                 | 24  | 25  | 26<br>OPEN<br>10am-Noon |
| 27  | 28   | 29                                 | 30<br>Fire Safety Interactive Playtime<br>10-11am |   |     |                         |

# October 2009

| SUN   | MON                                     | TUES  | WED       | THURS     | FRI   | SAT   |           |
|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|---|---|-----------|
| <b>OCTOBER IS FIRE SAFETY MONTH</b>   |   |   |           | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                                    |           |
|    |   |  |           |           | Early Childhood<br>Conference in<br>Grande Prairie                                    |   |           |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                                | <b>6</b><br>Late<br>Opening   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                   |           |
|   |   | Bedtime<br>Stories<br>6:30-7:30   |           |           |   |   |           |
|  |   | <b>12</b><br>Thanksgiving<br>Day<br><b>CLOSED</b>                                 | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b>                                   | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>                               | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>                                   |           |
|   |   |   |           |           |  |   |           |
| <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br>Home<br>Alone<br>1:00-4:00 | <b>27</b><br>Home<br>Alone<br>1:00-4:00   | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>Halloween<br>Interactive<br>Playtime<br>10-11am                          | <b>31</b><br>OPEN<br>10am-Noon<br>Halloween |           |