

Supporting Richmond's Children

A Symposium Celebrating Child Care Month For Early Childhood Educators, Child Care Providers and Parents



Featuring four presentations including:

- **The Current State of Richmond's Children**
- **Supporting Families: Response, Resources and Referral**
- **Nurturing in Nature**
- **Supporting Children's Outdoor Play in the Early Years**

Saturday, May 6, 2023
8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

In person event at:

Richmond City Hall
6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. ...Registration

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. ...Welcoming remarks and Child Care Month Proclamation

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. ...Presentations

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ...Networking Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ...Presentations

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. ...Questions and Closing comments

Register here: www.richmondkids.ca/en/workshops/supporting-richmonds-children-2023

Registration fee \$5 plus GST. This event counts towards 3.5 hours of professional development. Certificates will be issued at the end of the session.

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of Richmond Child
Care Development
Advisory Committee



Presentations

The Current State of Richmond's Children:

The Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) collects data through the Early Development Instrument and other Child Development Monitoring System Tools to provide an insight into the social, emotional, physical health and well-being, communication, language and cognitive development of children in BC. This presentation will provide an overview of the Wave 8 data, which comprises data collected through 2019–2022.

Chris Duggan, Program Manager, Child Care and Youth for the City of Richmond will present information by The Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP). HELP is a collaborative, interdisciplinary research network, based at the University of British Columbia.

Supporting Families: Response, Resources and Referral:

Richmond has a wide range of supports and resources to support families and children who may be experiencing vulnerability, who may benefit from support to participate in a community program or child care facility, or whose development may be outside what is expected. This presentation will provide an overview of steps child care providers and families can take to understand and learn about their child's strengths, needs and development and highlight the resources available to provide additional support.

Richmond Supported Child Development Consultants, the Richmond Supported Child Development Program (SCDP) is a community-based program designed to support families and children with extra support needs to access inclusive child care that meets family needs.

Nurturing in Nature:

Spending time outdoors in nature significantly supports children in all areas of their development. In this presentation, we will consider the many benefits of spending quality time outdoors as a component of your Early Childhood program. As Coordinators of Terra Nova Nature School, Kate Dawson & Emily Vera will share their learnings and observations, as well as offer practical suggestions to implement in your centre.

Emily Vera and Kate Dawson are Program Coordinators at Terra Nova Nature School. The mission of the Terra Nova Nature School is to connect young children with their community and outdoor landscape, offering direct experiences with nature. Kate has a wealth of experience as an Early Childhood Educator with UBC Childcare Services, PACE Program, the Richmond School District and as an instructor in Early Childhood Education. Emily has over thirty years experience as an Early Childhood Educator, holds a Special Needs diploma, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Performance.

Supporting Children's Outdoor Play in the Early Years:

Research is clear on the importance of regular and repeated access to outdoor play in the early years. Despite the known benefits of outdoor play, children in North America are spending less time outdoors. This presentation will outline the importance of outdoor play and how small modifications to outdoor environments can further support children's outdoor play. This presentation will showcase recent research from the Play Outside UBC Lab.

Rachel Ramsden, is a Research Coordinator at the Play Outside UBC Lab at the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute and a PhD Candidate in the School of Population and Public Health at UBC. The Play Outside UBC Lab leads research projects that aim to support children's outdoor and risky play across Canada.

Additional Child Care Month Event

Children's Art Exhibition celebrating Child Care Month

The City of Richmond, the Child Care Development Advisory Committee and the Richmond Public Library will be hosting a Children's Art Exhibition to celebrate child care month. The exhibition will be on display on the Community Art Wall of the Richmond Public Library (Brighthouse Branch) from May 8 to May 31, 2023. To obtain more information please email childcare@richmond.ca.