

# Southeast Kootenay Child Care Resource & Referral Monthly Bulletin



## March 2025

Your Community's Best  
Source of Child Care  
Information and Resources

### GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday & Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please call the office at:

250-426-5677 or 1-800-661-2445

prior to coming, in case of  
unexpected office closures or  
meetings, to avoid disappointment!

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# SKCCRR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Toy Lending Library information

**Membership for the Toy Lending Library will be due April 1, 2025. Please know that you will be asked to fill out your membership forms in April when you come to the office.**

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## Toy Lending Library

- Please ensure that all items - including the bins (inside and out) are cleaned before returning.
- The checklists in the bins are for the borrowers to fill out before the toys are played with and again before they are returned. Please take the time to fill them out completely.

# Exploring the Early Learning Framework (ELF)

## What is Pedagogical Narration? Part 3 of 4

Pedagogical narration is the process of noticing and collecting moments from daily practice and sharing these with colleagues, children, and families to make children's learning processes and inquiries as well as educators' pedagogical choices visible and open to interpretation and reflection.



### Leading and advocating

Pedagogical narration is also important for advocacy and educational leadership.

When pedagogical narration is brought into the public sphere and the competencies, capabilities, and relationships of children (and adults) are made visible, children are brought out of anonymity. Children become the focus of a dialogue in which their voice is listened to and their role is respected. At the same time, pedagogical narrations can highlight the role of educators as researchers and critical thinkers, rather than caretakers or technicians who follow set procedures. By making the complexities of practice and the intentional work of educators visible, people see early learning settings as sites of vibrant, critically reflective, and democratic practice. Educators who bring pedagogical narration into the public sphere are contributing to broadening the dialogue of childhood, learning, and education by opening spaces for multiple perspectives and multiple ways of doing and being. By engaging the community in these conversations, educators resist a "one-size-fits-all" model of early learning and open possibilities for generating localized pedagogies that respond to the diverse historical and cultural contexts of B.C. communities.





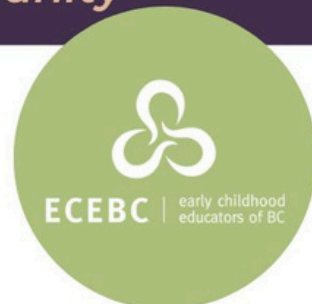
# LET'S TALK ABOUT TOUCHING EDUCATOR TRAINING

Become trained to implement the ECEBC Let's Talk About Touching (LTAT) Children's Program in your community

## WHAT IS LET'S TALK ABOUT TOUCHING?



Let's Talk About Touching (LTAT) is a personal safety program that empowers children aged 0-8 to understand their bodies, distinguish between safe and not safe touches, set boundaries, and increase abuse resistance. Through experiential, hands-on activities, LTAT creates a safe space for children to explore these critical concepts.



## LTAT TRAINING

### COMPREHENSIVE 2-DAY COURSE

14.5 hours of experiential, hands-on training covering effective, trauma-informed implementation of the LTAT Children's Program, including how to incorporate body safety into everyday practice.

### WHO IS THIS TRAINING FOR?

This training is designed for anyone

working with children aged 0-8 in group early learning and child care environments and primary classrooms, including:

- Early Childhood Educators
- School-Aged Child Care Staff
- Certified Primary Teachers

Only those in direct relationship with children will be eligible to implement the LTAT Children's Program after training.

Professional Development Hours  
Certificate Provided

## UPCOMING TRAINING

### LOCATION

**KOOTENAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

#22-12TH AVE. N. CRANBROOK

### DATE AND TIME

THIS TWO DAY TRAINING WILL BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025, 9:00-5:00 PM  
SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2025 9:00 -5:00 PM

### COST

\$ 25.00

### REGISTRATION

TO REGISTER FOR THIS TRAINING OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

**SKCCRR@CCSSEBC.COM OR PHONE  
250-426-5677/ 1-800-661-2445**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 14TH

PROGRAM  
DESIGNED &  
DEVELOPED  
IN BC

[ecebc.ca](http://ecebc.ca)







# Features of the Month:

Rainbow Wooden People  
4-121



Hoola Hoops With Stands  
4-123 and 4-124

Color Monster Game  
4-321



# Activity Ideas



**DIY MUD PIE KIT**  
Made from Recyclables



<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/56616/mud-pie-kit/>

<https://ohheyletsplay.com/home/rainbow-activities-for-toddlers-amp-preschoolers>



**Rain Cloud in a Jar**  
Science Experiment

<https://funlearningforkids.com/rain-cloud-jar-science-experiment/>

# Child Care Provider Outreach

## February Outreach Information:

- Elk Valley Thursday March 6
  - Cranbrook & area Tuesday March 11
  - Kimberley & area Thursday March 13
- \* please note that all outreach is subject to weather and road conditions

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Please note that if you have toys that are being returned, please ensure that they are clean/sanitized, and that the inventory checklist has been completed prior to pickup.



Find the SKCCRR toy library at:  
<https://can.accessit.online/EST21>

Crafty Creations:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/136469458@N07/albums/72157719629135450>



# Services through SKCCRR

- **Monthly bulletin – includes up-to-date child care information, programming activity suggestions, and other resources.**
- **Consultation, monthly outreach, and support to all registered child care facilities/programs and the child care workforce - call us even just to chat, vent, brainstorm, and share ideas!**
- **Affordable Child Care Benefit application support (for both providers and families).**
- **Child care referrals.**
- **Professional development, networking, and training sessions for child care providers, child care workforce, families/caregivers, and community partners.**
- **Free toy/equipment/resource lending library.**
- **Information, resources and support in opening up a quality child care facility for Municipalities and Community Partners.**
- **Crafty Creations craft store – access to non-toxic, quality craft supplies.**
- **Community consultation, meetings and development.**
- **Laminating service every Tuesday - \$0.75 per linear foot.**
- **Early Years Teams supports.**



We gratefully acknowledge that the land on which we live, and work resides within the unceded traditional territory known as ?amakis Ktunaxa, the homelands of the Ktunaxa Nation, while recognizing the Métis, Inuit and other Indigenous peoples who live here.



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**VISION:** A recognized leader in providing a wide spectrum of services that support individuals and families

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For safety information check out "Parachute" [www.parachute.ca](http://www.parachute.ca) or email our local Safe Communities Cranbrook committee: [cranbrookspc@gmail.com](mailto:cranbrookspc@gmail.com)

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