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Keeping you up to date on events and resources essential for healthier schools and communities

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About Us

Our Vision: Children and youth in British Columbia are nurtured in safe, caring, and inclusive schools and communities in order to ensure their well-being and maximize their potential.

Our Mission: To facilitate the use of evidence-informed approaches to promoting safe, healthy, and inclusive schools and communities.

Our Mandate: To provide research and resources which support the creation of safe and socially just schools and communities throughout the province.

To learn more about who we are and what is available through our centre...

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Office Hours:
Mon to Fri 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Thurs 8:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Monthly Theme

Literacy in BC

January 25-31 is Family Literacy Week in BC. Developed and promoted by BC Literacy, this week will feature events and activities throughout the province to raise awareness about literacy services and spotlight literacy issues in BC today. To learn about Family Literacy week, the services available to adult learners and their families, and general information on BC literacy, please visit <http://www.literacybc.ca/family/flw.php>

Library Corner

Visit our on-line lending library at www.bccssc.ca



Featured Resources

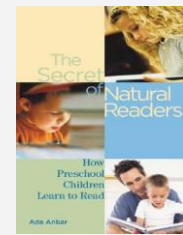
➤ *Designing Early Literacy Programs: strategies for at-risk preschool and kindergarten children*

Through conceptualizing, planning, and implementing an effective early literacy program, this book focuses on preventing reading difficulties and promoting success in at-risk 3 to 5 year-olds.



➤ *The Secret of Natural Readers: how pre-school children learn to read*

Utilizing the actual experiences of six preschool children, 'The Secret of Natural Readers' documents the process of reading development through stories of their early years.



Upcoming Events and Activities

Children, The Heart of the Matter, Child Care Conference February 13-14, 2008, Bell Performing Arts Centre, Surrey BC

A conference about caring for, protecting, and educating children. For more information call 604-527-8032 or to view conference details and registration visit http://www.childcareoptions.ca/pdfs/Final_brochure_CHOM_2009.pdf

Towards 2020: Canada's Commitment to Children and Youth National Conference April 26-29, 2009, Crown Plaza Hotel, Ottawa ON

For more information and to take advantage of the early bird conference fee please visit www.towards2020.ca

2nd Restorative Practices International Conference May 31- June 3, 2009, Coast Plaza Hotel, Vancouver BC

Hosted by the Simon Fraser University Centre for Restorative Justice. More details can be found at <http://www.sfu.ca/crj/events.html>

Hot Topics and Releases

The 2008-2009 Civil Forfeiture Crime Remediation and Crime Prevention Grant Funding Program is provided by the Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Funding for up to \$20,000 may be available for one-time community projects. The application deadline is January 16, 2009. Go to http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/community_programs/funding/ for more information or email SGVSCPD@gov.bc.ca to obtain a hardcopy of the application form.

Grants and Funding Information Available Through RURAL TEAM BC

Rural Team BC keeps BC residents up to date on funding available for various projects. Grants and projects are updated regularly and include subjects such as inclusive communities and work places, social enterprise technical assistance, sustainability and northern development. To get regular updates on the grants email Brandon Hughes, Canadian Rural Partnership/Service Canada, hughes.bn@shaw.ca Starting in February these updates will be available on-line at http://www.communityfutures.com/cms/Funding_Sources.2.0.html

The Government Non-Profit Initiative (GNPI) has put together a discussion paper on how the provincial government and non-profit sector groups can work more effectively and strategically together. Read it here at <http://www.nonprofitinitiative.gov.bc.ca/> and click on 'discussion paper'.

We Would Love to Hear From You

If you have information or an event that supports our mandate of promoting healthier schools and communities, we would love to hear about it. Please forward your correspondence to safeschoolscommunities@ufv.ca for consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.



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