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Good Morning Children First Coordinators:

These bi-weekly announcements with information on learning opportunities, events and ECD news and research are being sent to you from the BC Children First Advisory Team. Please feel free to email us if we can help you with suggestions, advice, or information to support the work you do in your communities. Just remember, we have taken this on in addition to the work we do in our communities so we may not always be fast to respond!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BC Early Years Community Developers

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Webinar: No Answers But Better Questions

Monday, October 18, 2010

3:15 - 4:15 PM

This workshop will focus on unpacking the meaning of EDI results. This workshop is intended to look at the questions that are emerging from the EDI results and at how to ask better questions about the EDI data on a local and provincial scale. Space is limited. Register your webinar seat: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/117274993>. After registering you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.

Tele-Learning: The Abundant Community: Awakening the Power of Families and Neighbourhoods

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Please join Paul Born of the Tamarack Institute on Tuesday October 26th at 11:55 ET for the first interview in the Seeking Community series when he interviews John McKnight and Peter Block about their latest book, *The Abundant Community: Awakening the Power of Families and Neighborhoods*. You can register for this tele-learning event at the **Seeking Community:** <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?Tamarack/37c82c5e74/125bbb9b37/3c4d022585> website.

EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Changing the Public Conversation About Early Childhood Development

Despite years of research and public discourse about child development and related issues, there is considerable evidence to suggest that the public, policy makers and the media still do not understand the crucial issues underlying this debate, nor do we, as early childhood community developers, know the best way to incorporate the science of early childhood development in order to promote positive change for children. [Talking About Early Childhood Development](#) is a toolkit that you can use to help engage the public in understanding more about early child development. The mission of the FrameWorks Institute is to advance the nonprofit sector's communications capacity by identifying, translating and modeling relevant scholarly research for framing the public discourse about social problems. The toolkit is available online: <http://www.frameworksinstitute.org/toolkits/ecd/index.html>.

STAYING CONNECTED

Community development can be lonely work outside of our communities. Here are some ways to stay connected with Early Years Community Developers across the province and informed about what is happening in the world of early child development.

Get LinkedIn to Children First Coordinators

Have you LinkedIn yet? We invite you to join the BC Children First group - just click on [Join Group](#). It's easy to register and a great way to connect to colleagues. I just checked the site and the following early childhood community developers have signed on - Susan Foster (Tri-Cities), Tracy Smyth (Port Alberni) and Cheryl Jordan (Campbell River).

Email Newsletter: Engage - Tamarack Institute

Take a few minutes to visit the newly redesigned Tamarack homepage and check out the newly redesigned [Engage!](#) e-magazine that now incorporates social media elements and RSS news feeds into an easier to navigate layout. Tamarack is an Institute dedicated to the art and science of community engagement and collaborative leadership - a great place to learn and connect. Their new *Seeking Community* website is an online community for those who share a curiosity for community and are seeking a space to explore and reflect on how it can be strengthened. You can register as a member and create your own profile at: <http://seekingcommunity.ca/>.

We would love to hear from you! Please contact Helen Davidson at helendavidson@shaw.ca with comments, suggestions and any research or event information that you think would be of interest to Early Years Community Developers across the province.

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