

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BC Early Years Community Developers



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

No learning opportunities on my radar so I thought I'd share with you the book I am currently reading.

In early November I had the opportunity to attend a talk by Adam Kahane:

<http://www.reospartners.com/team-view/63>, author of Power of Love: A Theory and Practice of Social Change (<http://www.bkconnection.com/ProdDetails.asp?ID=9781605093048>). Adam is an internationally-acclaimed facilitator and author who has been involved in facilitating a series of high-conflict, high-stakes problem-solving efforts. While the work Adam does is much more complex than anything I'll ever do, his concept on the balance needed between power and love to move things forward can certainly be applied to early years community development. - *Helen Davidson*

EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT NEWS

BC Child Poverty Numbers Are Down But BC Still Has the Worst Child Poverty Rate in Canada <http://www.firstcallbc.org/index.htm>

First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, together with the Social Planning and Research Council of BC, [released](#) their 2010 Child Poverty Report Card today revealing 14.5 per cent of BC children are living below the poverty line—roughly 121,000 or one in seven kids. The number is even higher for kids under six, who have a poverty rate of 19.6 per cent, or one in five. BC is one of 3 provinces in Canada without a poverty reduction strategy. Download a copy of the report: <http://www.firstcallbc.org/index.htm>.

Raising a Thankful Child

Zero to Three: National Centre for Infants, Toddlers and Families: <http://www.zerotothree.org> is another great resource for anyone working with young children and their families. They send out an e-newsletter and, while many of their resources are available for purchase, they also offer on-line tools like the Baby Brain Map: <http://www.zerotothree.org/baby-brain-map.html> and articles that can be downloaded. This month they offer tips on helping children develop the values of thankfulness and gratitude. Learning to be appreciative helps children to build strong and healthy relationships and to become sensitive to the needs of others less fortunate than they are. [Click here](#): for tips on how to raise a thankful child.

STAYING CONNECTED

Several of you have requested e-newsletters without attachments as you have dial-up internet which cannot handle large attachments.

I will do my best to send links as much as possible so I don't lock up your system!

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.

[BC Children First](#)

Visit the BC Children First: <http://www.bcchildrenfirst.ca> website to check out Children First websites across the province, find out about events and research and re-visit past Announcements. The website is maintained by Saša Loggin in Terrace.

[Get LinkedIn to Children First Coordinators](#)

Would you like to connect with other Early Years Community Developers? We invite you to join the BC Children First group - just click on [Join Group](#).

[Raising the Village](#)

Children First Coordinators Tracy Smyth and Tammy Dewar (Port Alberni) invite you to visit Raising the Village: <http://www.raisingthevillage.ca/raisingthevillage.ca/Home.html> - read their blog, join their mailing list or sign up for a workshop. Tracy and Tammy are the authors of [Raising the Village: How Individuals and Communities Can Work Together to Give Our Children A Stronger Start in Life](#) - a great read for any Early Years Community Developer!

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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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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