



EDITION 4, SPRING 2026



THE ECEBC PULSE

ECEBC has the deepest respect and gratitude for the privilege of residing, growing, and learning from First Peoples who have stewarded and cared for ancestral traditional lands, waters, and communities since time immemorial. We also recognize and respect the enduring presence of the Inuit and Métis people. This recognition comes with a responsibility in allyship, at an individual and collective level, to work towards Truth, and then Reconciliation.



MEMBERSHIP

AS AN ECEBC MEMBER YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF ONE OF OUR MANY BRANCHES ACROSS THE PROVINCE. MEMBERS COME TOGETHER TO CREATE A BRANCH TO UPHOLD THE ECEBC VISION AND MISSION AND CREATE A SPACE FOR EARLY LEARNING PROFESSIONALS IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY TO CONNECT, SUPPORT, AND ADVANCE OUR COLLECTIVE WORK. TO FIND OUT IF THERE IS A BRANCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY, VISIT ECEBC.CA/ABOUT/BRANCHES.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT STARTING AN ECEBC BRANCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY CONTACT SNYGREN@ECEBC.CA.

PEER MENTORING PROGRAM

THIS YEAR IN THE PEER MENTORING PROGRAM, WE SEE THEMES EMERGING FROM THE CONVERSATIONS AND COLLECTIVE VOICES OF EDUCATORS ACROSS THE PROVINCE IN THEIR PEER MENTORING COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE GROUPS. IN UNIQUE, BUT LIKE-HEARTED AND INTENTIONAL WAYS THE PEER MENTORS ARE EXPLORING :

- * BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS IN A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (REDUCING ISOLATION AND SILOS)
- * EXCHANGING IDEAS AND PRACTICES
- * SHARING PERSONAL CHALLENGES (IN A SUPPORTIVE SPACE)
- * SUSTAINING EDUCATOR HEALTH AND WELL BEING (REDUCING BURNOUT)
- * NAVIGATING INTERPERSONAL ISSUES AND RELATIONSHIPS IN THE WORKPLACE

IF ONE OF THESE RESONATES, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SHAPE CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER IN YOUR OWN CONTEXT, REACH OUT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PEER MENTORING COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE SITES.

CONTACT PEERMENTORING@ECEBC.CA

LEARNING OUTSIDE TOGETHER: LEADING FROM WITHIN

AT THE HEART OF THE LEARNING OUTSIDE TOGETHER (LOT) PROGRAM IS A POWERFUL LEADERSHIP CYCLE WHERE PAST PARTICIPANTS RETURN AS MENTORS TO GUIDE THE NEXT GENERATION OF EDUCATORS. THIS REFLECTIVE LEADERSHIP IS BEST CAPTURED BY A MENTOR IN OUR RECENT PHOTOVOICE PROJECT:

"IT REMINDED ME OF THE KIND OF MENTORSHIP LOT FOSTERS. IT'S NOT ALWAYS FORMAL, IT CAN BE SPONTANEOUS. IT LIVES IN RELATIONSHIPS, IN STORIES, IN PAUSES." – LOT MENTOR

THROUGH PEER MEETINGS GROUNDED IN TWO-EYED SEEING, MENTORS SUSTAIN THIS EDUCATOR-LED MOVEMENT—A CYCLE OF LEADERSHIP THAT DEEPENS WITH EVERY COHORT.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT LEARNINGOUTSIDETOGETHER.CA OR CONTACT INFO@LEARNINGOUTSIDETOGETHER.CA.



THE ECEBC JOURNAL: *The Early Childhood Educator*

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR PUBLICATION FIRST ACHIEVED ITS JOURNAL STATUS IN 1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL BARB@WESTCOASTEDITORS.COM

Find ECEBC online by scanning the QR code



LET'S TALK ABOUT TOUCHING

LET'S TALK ABOUT TOUCHING (LTAT) IS A PERSONAL SAFETY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-8, DEVELOPED BY THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS OF BC (ECEBC).

COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN LTAT EDUCATOR TRAINING OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ARE INVITED TO CONNECT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CRAWLING@ECEBC.CA



THE AMBASSADOR PILOT PROJECT

ECEBC'S WORK IN A DIVERSE ARRAY OF SETTINGS AND IT IS THE GOAL OF THE AMBASSADORS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH ECEBC'S WORK IN WAYS THAT ALIGN WITH LOCAL CONTEXT AND PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY NEEDS. AMBASSADORS HAVE HOSTED MEETINGS WITH CCRR'S, WITH STRONGSTART EDUCATORS, WITH FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES AND MANY OTHERS.

WE HEAR ABOUT THE REALITIES FACING THE SECTOR, FOSTER NEW AND EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS, AND SUPPORT ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORK OF ECEBC. CONNECT WITH AN AMBASSADOR IN YOUR REGION TO LEARN HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ECEBC'S AMBASSADOR PILOT PROJECT, CONTACT CHARLENE@ECEBC.CA



BURSARIES & GRANT DID YOU KNOW?

THE BURSARY AND GRANT TEAM REVIEW MORE THAN 13,000 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING EACH YEAR.

IN 2025, THE COMBINED FUNDING DISTRIBUTED THROUGH BOTH PROGRAMS SURPASSED \$30M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BURSARIES OR THE SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATION GRANT, VISIT WWW.ECEBC.CA/BURSARIES-GRANTS

ECEBC Podcast

Dedicated to raising the voices of Early Learning Professionals, nourishing our connections, and co-creating a future where Early Childhood Education is valued.



To listen, visit www.ecebc.ca or scan the QR code.



FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



For government grants ECEBC receives: 90% goes directly towards program implementation and 10% towards admin costs.

For more information about ECEBC's finances, search 'T3010 Registered Charity Information' through the Canada Revenue Agency.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

THE ECEBC EDUCATION TEAM IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE AN UPCOMING WORKSHOP SERIES FOR ECEBC MEMBERS PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OSHRAT ZEMEL!

OSHRAT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ECEBC BEGAN IN JANUARY 2025, WHEN SHE COMPLETED HER FINAL PRACTICUM PLACEMENT WITH THE ORGANIZATION AS PART OF HER BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION AT CAPILANO UNIVERSITY. DURING THAT TIME, SHE ATTENDED WEEKLY MEETINGS, PARTICIPATED IN ECEBC'S ADVOCACY WORK, AND CREATED AND DELIVERED HER FIRST WORKSHOP, *ANTI-OPPRESSION LENSES IN ECE*, AT ECEBC'S 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

OSHRAT RECENTLY PRESENTED A FOLLOW-UP WORKSHOP, *FROM AWARENESS TO ACCOUNTABILITY*, AT THE 2026 SKW̱XW̱7MESH EARLY YEARS CONFERENCE AT CAPILANO UNIVERSITY IN SQUAMISH, RETURNING, FITTINGLY, TO THE UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE HAD JUST COMPLETED HER DEGREE WITH DISTINCTION.

"THE FIRST WORKSHOP ASKED EDUCATORS TO LOOK AT THE LENSES THEY BRING TO THEIR WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THE SECOND ONE ASKED A HARDER QUESTION: A YEAR LATER, WHAT ACTUALLY CHANGED? WHERE ARE THE BARRIERS? ECEBC GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE BOTH, AND THAT KIND OF TRUST MEANS EVERYTHING. THIS WORK DOESN'T HAPPEN ALONE." (OSHRAT ZEMEL)

OSHRAT IS AN ECE EDUCATOR AND INSTRUCTOR WITH OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE ACROSS DIRECT PRACTICE, PROGRAM COORDINATION, AND POST-SECONDARY TEACHING. ORIGINALLY FROM ISRAEL, SHE IMMIGRATED TO CANADA OVER 24 YEARS AGO AND CURRENTLY TEACHES IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM AT NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE ON NUU-CHAH-NULTH TERRITORY IN PORT ALBERNI, BC, AND ONLINE FOR TRAIN ALBERTA. SHE IS PURSUING A MASTERS OF EDUCATION AND BRINGS A DEEP COMMITMENT TO ANTI-OPPRESSIVE, CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PRACTICE TO ALL OF HER WORK.

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS EXCITING WORKSHOP SERIES, WATCH ECEBC'S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.

\$10aDay Child Care

Add your voice to thousands across Canada in calling for affordable, accessible, and high quality child care.

Scan the QR code to sign the petition.



NOT A MEMBER YET? JOIN US!

Join or renew your ECEBC membership by scanning the QR Code.

