



# THE ECEBC PULSE

Early Childhood Educators of BC (ECEBC) has the deepest respect and gratitude for the privilege of living, growing, and learning from First Peoples who have stewarded and cared for these ancestral and traditional lands, waters, and communities since time immemorial. We recognize and respect the enduring presence of the Métis people in British Columbia. We acknowledge that this comes with a responsibility, at an individual and collective level, to work towards Truth, and then Reconciliation.



## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY COMING SOON!

ECEBC values our members. As part of our membership engagement work, we will soon be launching an ECEBC General Membership Survey. Your feedback is important to help us gain insight into our collective work.

To contact the Membership Team, email [snygren@ecebc.ca](mailto:snygren@ecebc.ca).

## THE ECEBC AMBASSADOR PILOT PROGRAM

ECEBC is excited to introduce the NEW Ambassador Pilot Project, which will feature local educators based in each Health Region across BC. The goal of the ECEBC Ambassador Pilot Project is to build local connections and enhance knowledge of ECEBC, while strengthening linkages between ECEBC and local educators. Ambassadors will foster alignment with the ECEBC mission, vision, obligations and society purposes.

For more information: contact [gwilcox@ecebc.ca](mailto:gwilcox@ecebc.ca).

## CONFERENCE



Conference 2024 was a BLAST! From **May 8-10** this year, for the first time ever, ECEBC will be holding our annual conference in **TWO locations** – Richmond and Kamloops! We can't wait to see you!!

For more information, contact [sonia@ecebc.ca](mailto:sonia@ecebc.ca).

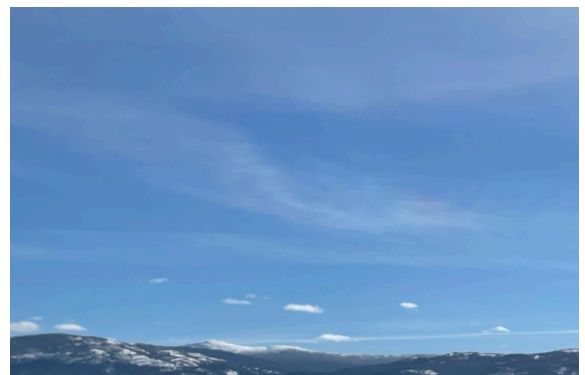
## EDUCATION

ECEBC offers a wide array of professional development trainings and opportunities, ranging from short courses to longer term programs. Don't see what you are looking for? Let us know! Our Education Team are always looking for new workshop options and ideas.

Contact [amaglieri@ecebc.ca](mailto:amaglieri@ecebc.ca).

## THE LEARNING OUTSIDE TOGETHER PROGRAM

"I used to take for granted where I live. Going through the LOT program taught me to pause and reflect and gave me fresh eyes when it comes to my surroundings and how much there is to learn from them and how to acknowledge how lucky I am to live on this land."  
(LOT Cohort 2 Participant)



Learning Outside Together (LOT) supports educators to develop the knowledge and skills needed to increase children's time and meaningful experiences outdoors, including Indigenous ways of knowing, learning, and land as teacher.

For more information: contact [info@learningoutsidetogogether.ca](mailto:info@learningoutsidetogogether.ca) AND [www.learningoutsidetogogether.ca](http://www.learningoutsidetogogether.ca).

Find ECEBC online by scanning the QR code →



# LET'S TALK ABOUT TOUCHING

Let's Talk About Touching (LTAT) is a program that supports children's learning about Personal Safety and Body Awareness and was designed to increase abuse resistance skills in children. The program underscores the importance of body autonomy, educating children on their rights to have control over their bodies, who touches them and how they are touched.

ECEBC is currently training more LTAT trainers!

For more information, contact [crawling@ecebc.ca](mailto:crawling@ecebc.ca)

## DID YOU KNOW?

ECEBC is a registered charity through the Canada Revenue Agency. The Finance Team ensures prudent financial management for the organization, including its physical assets, data, and intellectual property.

## THE PEER MENTORING PROGRAM

A well nurtured Community of Practice can make all the difference. As one educator in the Comox Valley beautifully shared,

**"Meeting with and talking to other ECEs lifts me up and helps me feel fresh pride and enthusiasm for the work we do. My mentor and I had a great visit catching up over tea."**

It's in these small but meaningful moments—like an uplifting cup of tea with another educator—that hope grows, and our professional journeys become even more fulfilling.

If you'd like to learn more about the Peer Mentoring program reach out to Tammy Dewar for a virtual cup of tea at [tdewar@ecebc.ca](mailto:tdewar@ecebc.ca) or [peermentoring@ecebc.ca](mailto:peermentoring@ecebc.ca)



## BURSARIES & GRANT

### EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND

ECEBC believes in a fully qualified and well supported sector, and the Education Support Fund (and our team!) plays an important part.

In 2024, ECEBC distributed a staggering \$15,276,478.35 in ECE Student Bursaries to 7,124 applicants (3 semester intakes).

For more information contact [bursary@ecebc.ca](mailto:bursary@ecebc.ca).

### SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATION GRANT

The purpose of the ECE Specialized Certification Grant (SCG) is to value current IT/SNE certificate holders and incentivize educators to obtain their Specialized Certificate(s).

In 2024 over 6000 educators received the grant. We are excited to offer the grant again in 2025.

For more information, contact [specializationgrant@ecebc.ca](mailto:specializationgrant@ecebc.ca).

## THE ECEBC JOURNAL

The *Early Childhood Educator* is a long standing publication of ECEBC, and is distributed to members four times a year.

The Journal Committee welcomes articles, photographs, pedagogical insights, and poetry submissions throughout the year. The Journal Committee also welcomes letters from readers with your responses to articles and issues that are affecting our field.

We value diverse perspectives and want to hear from you!

Submissions can be sent to [barb@westcoasteditors.com](mailto:barb@westcoasteditors.com).

## \$10aDay

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

To sign the petition visit [https://www.10aday.ca/add\\_your\\_name](https://www.10aday.ca/add_your_name)

## The HUB

Looking for Professional Development? Check out the Early Years HUB for online courses.

Got to <https://bcearlyyearshub.ca/ecebc/>

## NOT A MEMBER YET? JOIN US!

When you join ECEBC you add your voice to the thousands of professional educators, friends, and colleagues throughout BC. The more voices ECEBC represents, the stronger position we have to educate and advance the rights and needs of early childhood educators, children and families.

To join or renew your ECEBC membership, contact [snygren@ecebc.ca](mailto:snygren@ecebc.ca).

## ECEBC is out and about! See you soon!

