

# Child Care Resources and Parenting Information

## B.C. Association of Family Resource Programs

<http://www.frpbc.ca/>

- promotes and supports community-based programs where families access support, opportunities for engagement, and community resources.

## B.C. Council for Families

<http://www.bccf.ca/>

- research and resources on family issues; includes resource sheets for families.

## Burnaby Early Childhood Development Community Table

<http://www.kidsinburnaby.ca/>

- early childhood development programs and community resources for parents with young families.

## Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development

<http://www.excellence-earlychildhood.ca/home.asp>

- research on emotional and social development of young children.

## Child Care Resource and Referral Services of B.C.

<http://www.childcarechoices.ca/>

- childcare resources and support for child care providers and parents.

## Childcare Resources and Research Unit

<http://www.ccr.bc.ca/>

- research on early childhood education and child care, and family policy.

## Coalition of Child Care Advocates of B.C.

<http://www.cccabc.bc.ca/>

- a child care advocacy organization that supports the development of a comprehensive, accessible and affordable community-based non-profit child care system in B.C. and Canada.

## Fraser Health Authority: Community Care Facilities Licensing

<http://www.fraserhealth.ca/childcare/>

- child care licensing regulations, and existing licensed child care facilities.

## Infant Development Program of B.C.

<http://www.idpofbc.ca/>

- prevention and intervention services for families of children at risk for or with development delays and disabilities.

## Invest in Kids

<http://fnih.investinkids.ca/>

- information to help parents become the best possible parents; includes suggestions for a wide variety of activities for children.

## Ministry of Children and Family Development

<http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/>

- Provincially-sponsored child care-related programs and services.

## Parents Matter

<http://www.parentsmatter.ca/index.cfm>

- resources for parents and those working with parents.

## Supported Child Development Program

<http://www.centreforability.bc.ca/>

- assists families with children with extra support needs to access inclusive child care that meets family needs. The BC Centre for Ability holds the contract for Supported Child Development in Burnaby.

## Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre

<http://www.wstcoast.org/>

- provincial organization that provides information, referrals, training and resources to families, individuals and organizations who are seeking the best care and early learning for children.



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# Critical Child Care Challenges in Burnaby



## Child Care Challenges in Burnaby

**Quality child care is unaffordable for many Burnaby families.** It is common for parents to pay \$700 - \$1,200 per month, depending on the type of care and age of the child. Some parents are eligible for the Provincial Child Care Subsidy to assist with child care costs. For more information visit [http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/subsidy\\_promo.htm](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/subsidy_promo.htm) or call the YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral at 604.294.1109 for information about the child care subsidy application process.

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**Quality child care programs provide an important contribution to the social and economic development of the community.** Quality child care supports parents and promotes early childhood development and later school success. In October 2012, there were 4,110 full-time licensed spaces in Burnaby or about 15 licensed spaces for every 100 children. Many group child care programs are full. Obtaining a space in a licensed group Infant/Toddler program, or finding School-Aged child care that serves a particular school, can be especially challenging.

**Recruiting and retaining staff remains an ongoing challenge for many group child care centres.** Despite post-secondary education requirements to become an Early Childhood Educator, there is a lack of status associated with the work and wages are low.

**Finding a location to open a group child care centre is challenging.** This is due to the high cost of land and/or buildings. Issues such as zoning and parking also have to be considered, as well as making sure the site has enough indoor and outdoor play space.

## How can you help?

Contact your Provincial and Federal representatives and tell them you care about child care in Burnaby.

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