



Calgary and Area RCSD eNewsletter

Season's Greetings

This is our last eNewsletter before the winter break, with our next edition scheduled for early February. Just a reminder that the Calgary and Area RCSD office is closed as of December 18, 2015 and reopens January 4, 2016. We would like to take this chance to say Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year from all of us at Calgary and Area RCSD! Thank you for your continued work for children and youth in Calgary and the surrounding area.

Sincerely,
Your Calgary and Area RCSD Office Team

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Partnering with Children, Youth and Families

Recognizing parents and families as equal partners is pivotal to effective service delivery for children and youth. It is through open and respectful exchange among families, service providers, teachers and systems that we can achieve our collaborative advantage and improve the services and supports that children and youth need to be successful at home, at school and in their communities.

At Imagine That! Working Together for Children and Youth 2015, Calgary and Area RCSD was pleased to have over 30 parents in attendance sharing the latest evidence and providing a chance for parents and service providers to network with one another.

This month's issue features several opportunities that focus on fatherhood and the important role that fathers play in the healthy development of children and youth. As well, there are several items building on our general knowledge of early childhood development.

Please take a moment to forward this eNewsletter to your colleagues and encourage them to sign up at: <http://www.CalgaryandAreaRCSD.ca/news-and-events/newsletter-signup/>. We send out an eNewsletter once a month between September and June with reviewed information relevant to everyone who works together for children and youth.

Upcoming Opportunities

Development and Prevention of Chronic Physical Aggression: From Social Learning To Epigenetics

Webinar

December 1, 2015 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

This webinar is presented by Dr. Richard Tremblay, Canada Research Chair in Child Development, University of Montreal.

Click [here](#) to register.

Click [here](#) to access the article.

Continuing Down the Path: Doing the Work of Improving Health Equity and Addressing the Challenges of Organizational Change

Webinar December 1, 2015 12:00 – 1:30 pm

This webinar will explore the stories of Ontario public health units who share their experiences of purposefully integrating health equity into their work.

Click [here](#) to register.

Click [here](#) for the full study.

Engaging Dads in Parenting Programs

Webinar December 2, 2015 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

This webinar will help participants develop a tool belt of tips and tricks to help fathers build courage in order to jump into their parenting role.

Click [here](#) to register.

Advocacy for Immigrant and Refugee Children

Webinar December 9, 2015 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

This webinar will discuss principles and the granular realities of advocacy for immigrant and refugee children through two case studies and include the successes and challenges of advocating for this patient population.

Click [here](#) to register.

Early Childhood: Exploring What Matters

Conference – Call for Abstracts October 3 – 4, 2016

This two-day conference will inspire participants to explore and reflect on the things that really matter in the life of a child.

Click [here](#) to for more information about the conference, abstract submission and to register.

Reports and Research

Encyclopedia on Early Childhood Development – New Topic on Fathering

The Encyclopedia on Early Childhood Development has just added a new topic on Fathering. When a father's influence starts in early childhood, this can help with forming secure attachments, promoting social and emotional development, and influencing school readiness and success.

Click [here](#) to access the topic.

Click [here](#) for articles on fathering.

New Data Offers Comprehensive Look at Early Childhood, Education and Employment Realities in First Nations Communities

New survey data released by the First Nations Information Governance Centre provides insight into life for First Nations on-reserve and in northern communities in Canada and is presented in accessible graphics.

Click [here](#) for more information.

New Roles for Families in Research to Improve Child and Youth Health

This Guest post by Frank Gavin, the National Liaison for the [Canadian Family Advisory Network](#) is hosted by the Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres and focuses on bringing families into research.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

First 2000 Days Network

The First 2000 Days Network is a collaboration of individuals and organizations, joined by a common goal: all children from conception to six years old are supported by family and community in order to

reach their full potential.

Click [here](#) to access their website.

Calgary Regional Consortium – Monthly Newsletter

Calgary Regional Consortium provides professional learning opportunities. See their newsletter for upcoming training sessions.

Click [here](#) to see the Newsletter.

Community Education Service from Alberta Health Services

The Community Education Service (CES) provides parents/caregivers and other community members with opportunities to access free, evidence-informed education session and resource materials to address child, youth, and family health and mental health needs. Participants are able to attend in person, or connect through videoconference or telephone.

Click [here](#) to see the current listings.