**YMCA of Northern Alberta**

**Child Care Professional Development Resources**

Webinars & Workshops

* [Alberta Health and Safety for Child Care](https://ahs.myabsorb.ca/#/public-dashboard)
* [Alberta Home Visitation Network Association](https://ece.ahvna.org/)
* [Alberta Resource Center for Quality Enhancement](https://arcqe.ca/professional-learnings/)
* [Become Your Own VIP: The Course – with The Play Coach](https://makeyourownrainbows.com/product/become-your-own-vip-the-course/)
* [Brain Story Certification](https://www.albertafamilywellness.org/training)
* [Canadian Association of Social Workers](https://www.casw-acts.ca/en/webinars)
* [ChildCare Education Institute](https://www.cceionline.com/)
* [Community Education Service](https://community.hmhc.ca/)
* [Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute](https://ctrinstitute.com/resources/)
* [Early Childhood Investigations Webinars](https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/)
* [ECE Webinar Replays](https://www.geteduca.com/webinars/webinar-replays/)
* [Explorations Learnings](https://explorationsearlylearning.com/product-category/live-on-line-trainings/)
* [Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework](https://www.flightframework.ca/)
* Fairy Dust Teaching
* [Greg Santucci, Occupational Therapist](https://gregsantucci.com/events/)
* [Home on Native Land](https://homeonnativeland.com/)
* [Honoring Childhood](https://www.honoringchildhood.org/courses)
* [Imagine Institute for Learning](https://www.imagineinstitute.ca/bookings)
* [Inspired Minds – ECC Coaching & Consulting](https://inspiredmindsecc.ca/)
* [Institute of Child Psychology: Certification in Children's Mental Health Fundamentals](https://instituteofchildpsychology.com/membership-certification/)
* [Kimochis Social and Emotional Learning](https://www.kimochisway.com/)
* [Little Warriors – Prevent It!](https://littlewarriors.ca/prevent-it/)
* [MindSight Institute Courses](https://mindsightinstitute.com/shop/) (Recommend: No-Drama Discipline, The Yes Brain, & The Whole Brain Child).
* [MindUp! For Life](https://member.mindup.org/)
* [Nourishing Beginnings](https://dairyfarmersofcanada.ca/en/teachnutrition/ab/educational-resources/early-childhood/nourishing-beginnings-0) with code: **WPJ7-MUE7-X2**
* [Ontario Science Center – Play-Based Learning](https://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/teachers-plus-students/teacher-resources/professional-learning-resources/play-based-learning)
* [Ontario Science Center – Inquiry-Based Learning](https://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/teachers-plus-students/teacher-resources/professional-learning-resources/inquiry-based-learning)
* [Playworker Development Course by Popup Adventure Play](https://www.popupadventureplay.org/playworker-development-course/)
* [Rae Pica Keynotes & Consulting](https://www.raepica.com/online-learning/)
* [Rupertsland Institute Métis Education](https://metiseducation.rupertsland.org/)
* [Safe Zone Project - SELF-GUIDED FOUNDATIONAL SAFE ZONE TRAINING](https://thesafezoneproject.com/resources/courses/)
* [Self-Reg in Early Childhood Development Certificate Program – The MEHRIT Centre](https://shop.self-reg.ca/products/self-reg-in-early-childhood-development-course)
* [SPEECHified for Early Educators](https://www.speechified.org/for-early-educators)
* [Teach Wonder – Wonder League Professional Development (STEM)](https://www.makewonder.com/classroom/professional-development/)
* [That Early Childhood Nerd](https://www.thatearlychildhoodnerd.com/workshops)
* [The Early Childhood Academy](https://theearlychildhoodacademy.com/shop/)
* [University of Alberta – Indigenous Canada MOOC](https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions-programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html)

Annual Conferences

* [AECEA Annual Conference](https://aecea.ca/)
* [Free to Play Summit](https://freetoplaysummit.com/)
* [School Age Care Directors Association of Alberta](https://www.calgarysacda.com/sacda-conference) – Canada’s Largest SAC Conference

Suggested Websites

* [Canadian Childcare Federation](http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/)

Provides best practices in early learning and child care knowledge.

* [Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children](http://rightsofchildren.ca/)

(CCRC) Promotes respect for the rights of children.

* [Center of Excellence for Early Childhood Development](http://www.excellence-earlychildhood.ca/)

An easy to use reference tool promoting accessibility and knowledge on early childhood development.

* [Childcare Resources & Research Center](http://www.childcarecanada.org/)

Research Unit is a policy research institute with a goal of early childhood education.

* [Community Playthings](https://www.communityplaythings.com/resources/videos)

Enjoy videos on a variety of subjects, from celebrations of outdoor play to product demonstration and more. All our videos are collected here, so go ahead and look up the information you need or browse for inspiration!

* [Encyclopedia on Early Childhood Development](http://www.child-encyclopedia.com/)

Free online resource covering topics related to the development of the child.

* [Everything Preschool](https://www.everythingpreschool.com/)

Over 30,000 preschool education activities separated into Themes, Alphabet Areas, & Lesson Plans.

* [First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada](https://fncaringsociety.com/)

Provide reconciliation-based public education, research and support to promote the safety and wellbeing of First Nations community.

* [Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/indigenous-early-learning/2018-framework.html)

The Framework sets out a shared vision, principles and a path forward for Indigenous early learning and child care—a Canada where all Indigenous children can experience high-quality, culturally rooted early learning and child care programming.

* [Indigenous Early Childhood Development in Canada: Current state of knowledge and future directions](https://www.nccih.ca/docs/health/RPT-ECD-PHAC-Greenwood-Halseth-EN.pdf)

This paper provides a brief overview of the current state of knowledge and knowledge gaps on the health and well-being of First Nations, Inuit and Métis young children and highlights future directions for Indigenous ECD programs and policies. 2 It draws on data presented in “Module 7” of the Canadian Institute of Child Health [CICH] (2018) online profile on *The health of Canada’s children* and youth and other relevant sources.

* [Indigenous Ways of Knowing: The Early Learning Perspective](https://aecea.ca/sites/default/files/2022-08/Indigenous%20Ways%20of%20Knowing_0.pdf)

A document created by Brye Robertson, an Indigenous graduate of the Bachelor of Child Studies – Early Learning and Child Care program at Mount Royal University.

* [International Play Association](https://ipaworld.org/)

IPA’s purpose is to protect, preserve and promote the child’s right to play as a fundamental human right.

* [Seed of Empathy](http://rootsofempathy.org/seeds-of-empathy/)

Designed to foster social and emotional competence and early literacy skills and attitudes in children three to five years old.

Associations

* [Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta (AECEA)](https://aecea.ca/)

The Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta (AECEA) is a non-profit member-based society that advocates for higher educational standards, wages, system support, and better working conditions for those in the early childhood education landscape.

* [National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)](https://www.naeyc.org/)

Early learning for all young children, birth through age 8, by connecting early childhood practice, policy, and research.

* [National Alliance for Children and Youth (NACY)](http://www.nacy.ca/)

Dedicated to mobilizing and linking practice and research to policy development to support the changing and diverse needs of families on a pan-Canadian basis.

* [Canadian Association of Family Resources Programs](https://www.familiescanada.ca/)

Provides leadership and support in the campaign for Canada’s children.

* [Teachers of Inclusive Education](http://www.tiebc.com/)

Dedicated to supporting teachers in their efforts to provide an inclusive education for all students.

* [Learning Disabilities Association Canada](https://www.ldac-acta.ca/)

Works nationally with our regional and local partners to build awareness about learning disabilities in communities across Canada.

• [School Age Care Directors Association of Alberta](https://www.calgarysacda.com/)

SACDA's mission is to provide school-age care professionals with a province-wide network of community-based support and to advocate for greater availability of quality, affordable care in Alberta.

Podcasts

**Real Talk for Real Teachers**

A bi-monthly podcast from Conscious Discipline creator, Dr. Becky Bailey. Together with Conscious Discipline Master and Certified Instructors and special guests, Becky explores trends in social-emotional learning and classroom management.  [**CLICK HERE**](https://consciousdiscipline.com/e-learning/podcast/) for more information.

**Child Care Bar & Grill**

A humorous, informative, and slightly irreverent podcast for child care providers and other early learning professionals hosted by authors, speakers, and play advocates, Lisa Murphy and Jeff A. Johnson.  [**CLICK HERE**](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/child-care-bar-and-grill/id593710633) for more information.

**The Early Childhood Nerd**

Each week host Heather Bernt-Santy and a member of the ECE Nerd Collective share and discuss a quote with a focus on effecting change in the early learning world.  [**CLICK HERE**](https://www.thatearlychildhoodnerd.com/podcast) for more information.

**The Preschool Podcast**

If you work in a child care, preschool or early years setting, *The Preschool Podcast* will provide you with inspiring and motivational stories, as well as practical advice for managing your organization, center or classroom.  [**CLICK HERE**](https://blog.himama.com/category/podcast/) for more information.

**Pre-K Teach & Play Podcast**

A place where ECE {r}evolutionaries reclaim children’s right to learn through play, reimagine inclusive classrooms, and {r}evolutionize early care and education.  [**CLICK HERE**](https://prekteachandplay.com/category/podcast/) for more information.

**Preschool and Beyond**

Answers common questions that arise during the preschool years, and provide helpful tips and ideas on how to engage with your preschool children. You will hear from teachers, researchers, and other early childhood experts.  [**CLICK HERE**](https://www.discoverychilddevelopmentcenter.com/podcast.html) for more information.

**How Preschool Teachers Do It**

A podcast for everyone who works with or raises early learners.  [**CLICK HERE**](https://www.howpreschoolteachersdoit.com/) for more information.

**Child Care Rockstar™ Radio Podcast**

Tune in to top child care business expert Kris Murray on the Child Care Rockstar™ Radio podcast for interviews with early childhood leaders and experts that will leave you inspired to get to the next level of success.  [**CLICK HERE**](https://childcaresuccess.com/podcast/) for more information.

* [Fireside Chats on the Young Mind: Old Firehouse School](https://soundcloud.com/dorothy-stewart-606943480)
* International Play Association
* [Little Kids, Big Hearts](https://open.spotify.com/show/69D8yqArHszUAMphPalvkD)
* [The Child Care Business Podcast](https://open.spotify.com/show/6Gttfu9NX2nboOHVzL3POv)
* [The Early Years Podcast](https://open.spotify.com/show/60yeTWfTaK48UC9EvPVkpK)
* [The Everything ECE Podcast](https://elfoundations.com/podcast-2/)