

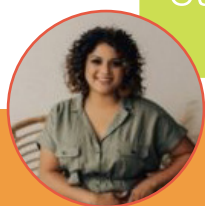


Creating Cultural Connections

Happy Post-Thanksgiving to the CCC Community

The Creating Cultural Connections project is a 3-year grant created to support programs in Southern Alberta in building capacity to address culturally diverse needs of children and families. Cultural Mentors will serve up to 160 licensed programs per year.

Our website page is live!
ENROLL NOW!



Aradhna Abraham

Project Coordinator for the Creating Cultural Connections program is excited to support South Region programs with enhancing culturally responsive practice in their programs. When Aradhna is not co-ordinating the CCC program, you will find her exploring the beautiful Calgary parks and playgrounds with her three children. She looks forward to getting to know each of your programs!

How CCC Supports Programs

- On-site mentorship & through program-pairing with cultural leadership sites in other regions
- Professional learning sessions to guide educator practice to enhance culturally sensitive environments, supporting responsive routines, strategies in guiding meaningful relationships that are reflective of diverse family needs.
- Virtual portal with cultural resources which support the mental, emotional, spiritual, cultural, & physical needs of all children.
- An e-newsletter sharing project updates & community networking opportunities



Meet a Cultural Mentor

Nikki Meyer is an experienced ARCQE Mentor and Coach who lives in Medicine Hat, AB. Familiar with the context of southern region communities, Nikki is excited to start working as a Cultural Mentor for the CCC project. She is looking forward to supporting programs in Southern Alberta in creating environments and practices that are reflective of the families and children in the communities. She will help to ensure that they are working together in a 'practice of relationships' (Makovichuk, L. et al., 2014) that values the families traditions, values and beliefs.



Resources

Have you visited our online resources yet?

We are currently organizing resources by topic or practice area on our site page, as a means of helping you find resources of interest with greater ease! This page is intended to share new articles, forms, books and sites that are available to programs to support their work on cultural diversity.

This month we are featuring **"Little Free Pantry"**,
[Find out more here!](#)



Creating a spirit of community, reflecting diversity in programs across Southern Alberta.
Enriching and honoring **cultural** perspectives in educator practice.
Enhancing **connections** in the practice of relationships with children and families

RESOURCES

For a curated list of vast resources [click here!](#)

Look for more Cultural Mentors featured in our newsletters to get acquainted with others on the CCC Regional Support Team!

REFERRAL FORM

Apply for sponsored support by clicking here to access the form.

Top 5 Reasons CCC is Thankful!

1 **Photography in Lethbridge!**

Children's House Child Care Society and **Agape Learning Centre**: Both early learning communities invited our team into their unique settings to capture photographs of children and educators to support our branding of the Creating Cultural Connections project. It highlights all the incredible work Southern Alberta programs are already doing. The images of children, educators, and environments will be used on our **Creating Cultural Connections** landing page and training materials. We are excited to share images that can guide programs in seeing a greater representation of the diversity of programs that make up Alberta's childcare landscape. **Thank you!**

2 **YOUR program!**

The CCC Team is so incredibly grateful for you and your program. Your Southern Alberta centre is leading the way for Alberta programs to have early learning environments richly reflecting children's identity, diversity of families and their communities. We appreciate you breaking in

the trail for early learning classrooms to further have meaningful materials and resources embedded within a "practice of relationships" (Makovichuk, L., et al., 2014). For more information on how to self-refer for this sponsored support, **click here.**

3 **ELCC Licensing Act Principles & Matters to be Considered!**

All of these principles and considerations help guide our practice as we work with children and families in the diverse fabric of the early learning communities in Southern Alberta.

4 **Cultural Mentors!**

The CCC team has nine incredible Cultural Mentors from Calgary and Southern Alberta who have a wealth of experience working with culturally diverse programs and people. They are eager to support Licensed Southern Alberta programs to further align philosophies with their front-line practice.



5 **New Team Member!**

Elizabeth Friesen is our Design & Communications

Specialist, and has worked diligently behind the scenes at creating a phenomenal brand identity and landing page. It is full of free resources specific to supporting the mental, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and physical needs of children. Access our newest resource in supporting families that are experiencing food scarcity. Inspired by **Little Free Pantry.**

