

WINTER 22/23

E-NEWSLETTER

12 programs have self-referred

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Cultural Mentors have begun visiting south region programs over the fall and will continue over the winter. The CCC program has enrolled 12 new programs over the fall and continues to connect with early learning programs across southern Alberta.

New online resources are continuing to be added to the virtual portal on the CCC website landing page and feature resources created to support south region programs have been developed.

13TH NATIONAL CHILD DAY CONFERENCE

Thank you to those who attended the ARCQE National Child Day conference and the Creating Cultural Connection's exhibit booth. The myriad of resources and conversations shared furthered the integration of culturally responsive practice into a program's daily activities.

HOW MENTORS SUPPORT CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PRACTICE



HONOURING FAMILY TRADITIONS

Honouring special occasions and children's home culture can assist culturally responsive practice. Bridging home culture to early learning communities allows children's individuality and traditions to be reinforced in a culturally responsive way! To support educator's relationships with families use CCC Feature Resources to develop a richer connection with families.



125 mentorship hours have been assigned as of Jan 3rd



COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

In supporting our previous CCC Feature Resource, the [Little Free Pantry](#), Penny Bates suggested reaching out to local grocers to help stock the Little Free Pantries across southern Alberta. Thanks Penny!

194 programs have been contacted & informed of CCC supports & resources

FEATURE RESOURCE

Introducing our [Community Calendar!](#) This resource is to ignite conversation with families, children, and our early learning communities. Educators can use this tool to familiarize themselves with a children's family, extended family, and community. This resource can be used to honour children and family's uniqueness as we learn about customs and occasions that are celebrated in our communities. This learning of 'who' the child is can be integrated into the early learning classrooms. We also have a [Seasonal Celebrations](#) calendar!

INSPIRATION & REFLECTION

"Families know their children in ways that no one else can. This particular knowledge of the child has roots in family, social, and cultural practices and traditions. Family practices and parent-child interactions influence and are influenced by stresses, demands, and joys of daily living and desires for the child. The child's sense of belonging to family and community is strengthened through respectful and reciprocal relationships, where educators recognize the value of family connections and contributions in understanding how each child makes meaning of the world" (Makovichuk, L., Hewes, J., Lirette, P., & Thomas, N. (2014). Flight: Alberta's early learning and care framework. Retrieved from flightframework.ca

How can early learning communities further bridge family practices and interactions into the early learning space?

Enjoy this year's snowy season and keep current with CCC by visiting our website.

MEET A MENTOR

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