

## **What does Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre do?**

Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre offers services for parents, child care providers and others who care about children and families throughout BC.

At Westcoast you will find:

- ♦ A large library of books, videos, and learning kits
- ♦ Child Care Information and Referral
- ♦ Training
- ♦ Mobile Lending

All Westcoast services support the healthy development of children, families and their communities.



## **What is Westcoast Mobile Lending?**

Westcoast Mobile Lending offers families the opportunity to borrow toys, children's storybooks, and parenting books and videos to use at home.

This helps families encourage the healthy development of their children. Children develop and learn through play. Westcoast Mobile Lending makes it easy for families to provide quality play items for their young children by bringing these materials to families at locations close to home.



## **Why is play so important?**

Play is the work of childhood. Through play, children grow, learn, and develop in all areas of their lives. Play fosters physical and mental health, and is also very important for social and intellectual development.



Play provides opportunities for children to:

- ♦ develop positive self-esteem.
- ♦ express feelings and ideas.
- ♦ relieve tension or frustration.
- ♦ try out imaginary roles and activities.
- ♦ be spontaneous and creative.
- ♦ explore interests, likes, and dislikes.
- ♦ take risks, practice problem solving, and learn from making mistakes.
- ♦ discover and refine specific skills, abilities, and talents.
- ♦ learn about and cooperate with others.
- ♦ gain awareness of, and appreciation for, human diversity.
- ♦ find out about the physical and natural world.
- ♦ have fun!



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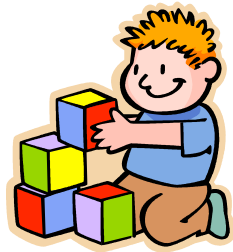
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**Westcoast Mobile Lending**

**(Toys and books for young children)**

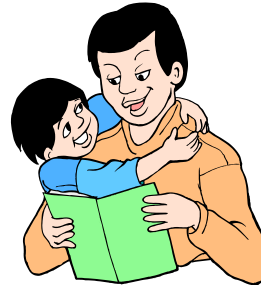
**What type of materials are available for borrowing?**

- table toys
- puzzles
- matching games
- music kits
- storybooks in several languages
- parenting books and videos



**A family may borrow:**

- one play kit,
- one parenting book or video,
- and three storybooks



**Is there a fee to borrow from Westcoast Mobile Lending?**

There is a \$5.00 annual fee to borrow from Westcoast Mobile Lending.

**How do families sign up?**

Visit any Westcoast Mobile Lending site and fill out the Subscriber Form. The Mobile Lending staff will give you a borrowers' card valid for one year.

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