



**WESTCOAST
CHILD CARE
RESOURCE
CENTRE**

New Improvements for Child Care in BC



Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre is excited and welcomes the Provincial Governments Commitment to child and families with new funding announced in February to support lowering child care fees with immediate relief to families.

Many of you will have questions as to how these changes will affect your program and families you work with. The Ministry of Children and Family Development have created a Frequently Asked Questions document that will be updated ongoing as they work through implementing the changes.

We encourage you all to follow this link to get more information:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care/child-care-improvements>

Parents:

Westcoast continues to offer child care information and referrals to families. We will continue to maintain and update our child care database and make improvements to how we can provide referrals.

We will continue to offer support to families and care providers with applying for child care subsidy and support families to access Affordable Child Care Benefit when it begins in the fall 2018, if required.

The Westcoast Early Learning Library (WELL) continues to be open to all families for borrowing resources.

Child Care Providers:

Westcoast will continue to support the child care community with training, information and referrals. There are currently no proposed changes to the registered licensed-not-required family child care (RLNR) programs and will support these programs as we have. Anyone interested in becoming a RLNR can contact Westcoast for information on this process.

If your licensed program receives the Child Care Operating Fund (CCOF), information regarding new initiatives will be sent to you with your contract renewal in March.

Westcoast training offerings are posted on our website at www.wstcoast.org

Westcoast is committed to supporting children, families and early care and learning programs in our communities and will share information on any changes to our program and services in a timely manner.

