

New NEWS about Vancouver Child Care Resource & Referral

As far as we know right now, the Ministry's decisions about funding cuts for Child Care Resource & Referral and other child care programs have not changed.
HOWEVER, ONE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED!

What is happening and when?

- REGISTRY OF LICENSE-NOT-REQUIRED (LNR) CARE PROVIDERS WILL CONTINUE TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2007.
- New Registered LNRs will be added to the Westcoast Family Information & Referral list beginning immediately through to September 30, 2007. The enhanced subsidy rate for eligible families using Registered LNR care will continue.
- Referrals to all licensed child care facilities in Vancouver will continue.
- LNR care providers and licensed family providers may continue to access all other VCCR services until September 30, 2007.
- All VCCR workshops scheduled for January – March 31, 2007 will go ahead as planned assuming there is sufficient registration.
- As of April 1, 2007, there will be changes in VCCR staffing and neighbourhood-based services. Details will be announced in February.
- Some VCCR workshops will be offered between April 1 and September 30, 2007. More information will be provided in March.
- Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre will continue to offer the *Introduction to Family Child Care* course for as long as there is interest in the community.

ALL CCRRs IN THE PROVINCE WILL SHUT DOWN ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2007.

Families and care providers need to continue to make their wishes known to government about the future of Child Care Resource & Referral Programs.

If Vancouver CCRR is closed on September 30, it will mean:

- No registration or support for the License-not-required (LNR) care providers.
- No enhanced subsidy rate for Registered LNR care.
- No accountability for LNR child care providers - no criminal record checks, reference checks, first aid certification, training required.
- No family child care business start up funding.
- No family child care consultation or start up support LNR or licensed family child care providers.
- No training, monitoring, support or home visits for LNR child care providers
- No child care training and workshops for LNR or licensed family child care providers.
- No substitute caregiver referrals.
- No caregiver or parent newsletters.
- No neighbourhood-based toy and equipment lending library.
- No Child Care Subsidy information and assistance.
- No more drop-in programs for caregivers and children.

What can you do?

- Write a letter, phone or email your MLA, The Premier, Minister Tom Christensen and Minister of State for Child Care Linda Reid to let them know how this will affect you.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!