



Westcoast Families Centre Society Child Care Resource Centre 2772 East Broadway Vancouver, BC V5M 1Y8

## **Steadfast Financial Support for B.C. Child Care Professionals**

Continuation of The ECE Professional Development Bursary Fund

The ECE Professional Development Bursary Fund (Bursary Fund) financially supports early child educators and child care professionals to engage in professional development at reduced rates or at no cost. The Bursary Fund will continue to support child care professionals until March 2027. This initiative is funded through the Canada-British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia. Since 2019, the Bursary Program has financially supported over 12,000 child care professionals in B.C. under the stewardship of the Westcoast Families Child Care Resource Centre (CCRC).

"The ECE Professional Development Bursary Fund stands as a testament to the importance of lifelong learning. By extending this program into 2027, we are nurturing a legacy of knowledge and skills that will resonate through the lives of early childhood educators and the young children of British Columbia."

Crystal Janes, Director CCRC

The next phase of the Bursary Program will be available from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2027. The objectives of the Bursary Fund are to:

- To build capacity in the field by reducing the financial barriers for early child care professionals in accessing high-quality training opportunities.
- To improve access to training for child care professionals who identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit.
- To increase access to training for child care professionals living in rural and remote communities.

Bursary Funds will be distributed to non-profit charitable organizations to support professional development opportunities for child care professionals in their region.

For more information contact admin@eceprodbursary.org

About Westcoast Families Child Care Resource Centre: Westcoast Families Child Care Resource Centre provides information, referrals, training and resources to families, individuals and organizations who are seeking the best child care and early learning.

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