

Upcoming Parenting Lecture Series

Presented by Fraser Valley Child Development Centre and sponsored by the Abbotsford Early Childhood Community Partners Table.

May 26th, 2010 @ 7:00pm

Boy Smarts with Barry MacDonald

Barry MacDonald, founder of MentoringBoys.com and best-selling author of Boy Smarts, is an educator, counselor and a champion for building strong learning communities. A sought-after speaker, Barry has presented to thousands of educators and parents and was featured by The Vancouver Sun as one of the 25 *Influential People to Watch* for his innovative work.

June 2nd 2010 @ 7:00pm

Discipline that Doesn't Divide with Deborah MacNamara, Ph.D.

Dr. Deborah MacNamara is an Educator and Counselor in private practice with over 15 years experience working with children, adolescents and adults. Her experience includes working with parents of young children to youth at risk and university students. She is on the faculty at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in the First and Final Year Learning Community. Based in Vancouver, Deborah helps parents and professionals make sense of children and adolescents in their care, providing insight into troubling issues such as anxiety, aggression and agitation. From resilience to resistance, Deborah presents on a variety of topics of interest to parents, professionals and child care providers.

June 8th, 2010 @ 7:00pm

An evening with Dr. Lee Brown

Dr. Lee Brown is the Director of the UBC Institute of Aboriginal Health and is the former Coordinator of the Indigenous Doctoral Program in the Department of Educational Studies at the University of British Columbia where he wrote his Doctoral thesis. Lee has been invited to share his knowledge of culture and healing in over five hundred indigenous communities in North America. Lee is a member of the Cherokee Nation and the Wolf Clan. Lee has developed a theory of holistic emotional education and health that is predicated upon the six principles of emotional competency that arise out of his research in the area of affective education and learning.

The series are free and limited child care will be available. Location, registration and ticket information will be available in the near future on the FVDCDC website at www.fvcdc.org.

For more information contact:
Kim Pilling 604-852-2686 ext. 252
or Jane Gladman 604-852-2686 ext 235.



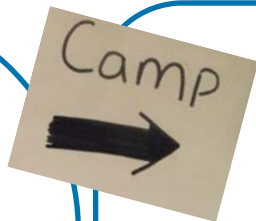
Family Satisfaction Survey Results

As part of our quality assurance process FVDCDC surveys families accessing our early intervention services. The survey is sent to families with children birth to 5 years of age who have received services for 3 months or more from one or more professional from our organization. These include our infant and child development consultants, supported child development consultants, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech and language pathologists, family support workers and key workers.

Your input is greatly appreciated and helps us make changes and improvements to our services. Overall responses were very positive with parents indicating that FVDCDC staff provided feedback, encouragement and helped parents feel competent. Other questions that received positive responses included offering suggestions that fit your family's lifestyle, accepting your family in a non-judgmental way and remembering personal details about you and your child. These were the highest rated practices. Numerous families also expressed appreciation for the support they receive in the comments section of survey.

There was a definite theme to the two areas that we need to make improvements in. One was information sharing specific to a child's plan and general information about services offered by the centre. The other area was consistency of staff especially how transitions are handled when staff change or go on leave. Both of these areas are being addressed by the teams in each community along with management. We will develop and implement strategies to improve communication and minimize the impact of staff changes and measure the success of those changes through next year's survey.

We will continue to strive to provide services to children and their families in a way that best meets their needs.

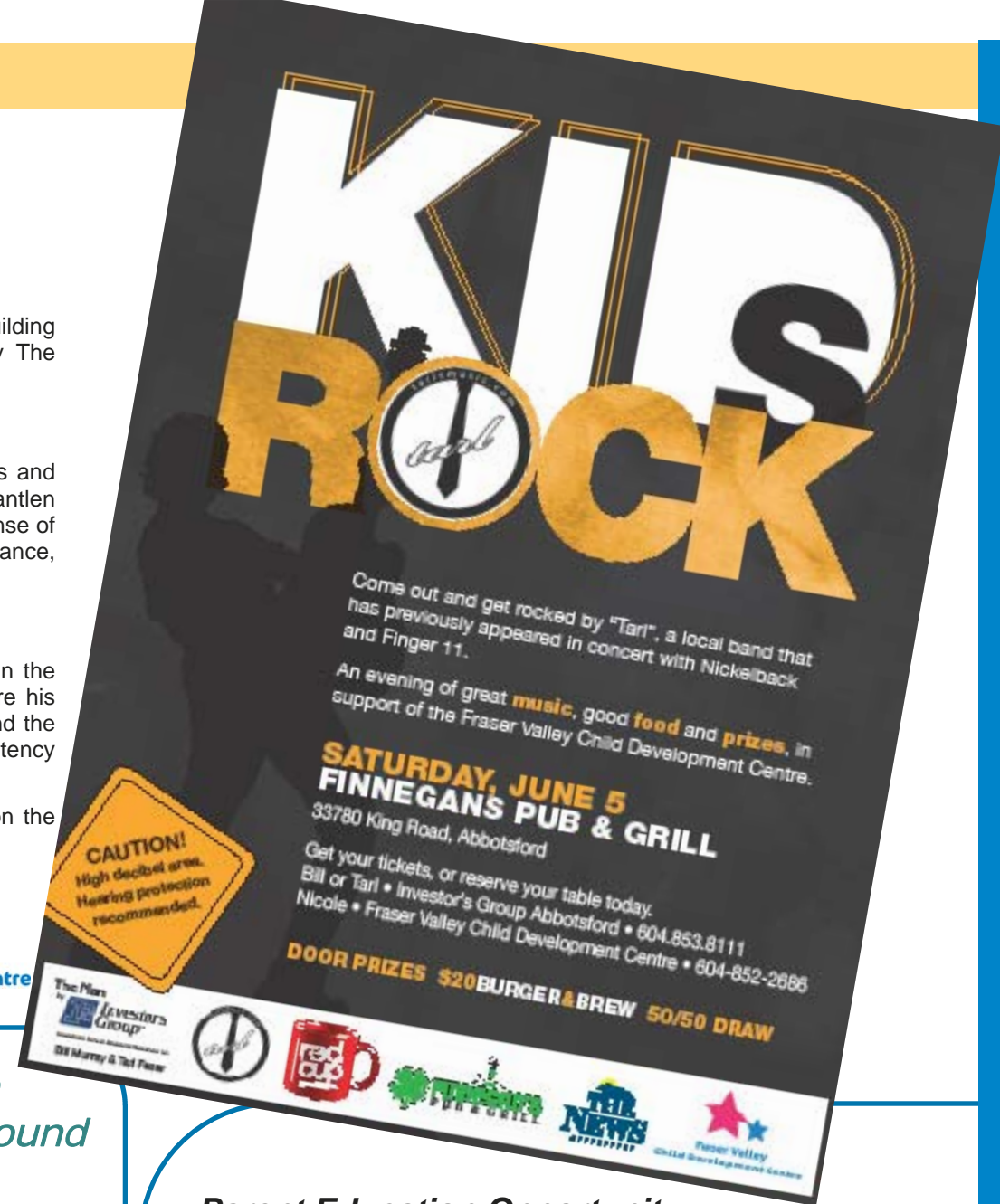


Moving to Higher Ground 2010

Summer Therapy Day Camp

August 9-13
Cultus Lake Community School
Cultus Lake BC

This five day experience for school aged children offers daily therapy sessions mixed with fun day camp activities. It is appropriate for children with any degree of challenge. Space is very limited, so please contact Kirstie Glasgow at nextstep@fvcdc.org



Parent Education Opportunity

We are inviting parents and caregivers of children or youth with **invisible, brain based disabilities** to sign up for...

The Journey through Complex Developmental Behavioural Conditions - Part 2 (previously known as FASD and Complex Developmental Behavioural Conditions)

This program will be offered one evening per month for three months. Each evening will have a specific topic. The first evening offering "Sexuality and Disability" was held on March 29, to great success.

Upcoming sessions:

- April 26: Modifications and Accommodations
- May 17: Self Care for the Caregiver

The sessions will be held at our office at Plaza 154, 105-32868 Ventura Avenue, Abbotsford from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. A light snack will be provided.

Register for session (or sessions) by contacting Leona at 604-852-2686 ext. 246.

Upcoming Events

Chilliwack Playgroup

Spring Session:
March 18th-June 17th
10:00—11:30am

For information contact:

Coralee Tucker
604-824-8760 ext. 231

Abbotsford Playgroup

Date and Time: Tuesdays 10:00 to 11:30. (Runs until mid-June)
Place: Plaza 154

For information contact:

Bernadette Thiessen
604-852-2686 ext. 241

Infant Massage Class Chilliwack

This free course is design to teach parents/caregivers proper massage strokes and general information on infants and the benefits of massage. This class is open to any baby or infant in his or her pre-crawling stage and is a great time to spend with mom one on one.

This course takes place at the Chilliwack Office beginning April 9th and running every Friday for four weeks from 9:30am to 10:30am.

To register or for more information, please contact Bernice Korzenoski at 604-824-8760 ext. 222.



FVDCDC STAFF GIVES BACK HEARTS FOR HAITI DRIVE

The wellness committee at the FVDCDC challenged the staff to fill buckets of supplies for Haiti. We were able to meet our goal plus one as we were able to fill 21 buckets of relief supplies for the Heart to Heart orphanage as well as raised \$495.25 to help with shipping costs!

Your community supports FVDCDC programs:

Thank you to those community groups who support our centre:

- Lions Club of Abbotsford
- Soroptimist International of Abbotsford-Mission
- Tulips of the Valley
- Abbotsford Seniors Association
- Mount Cheam Lions Club
- Chilliwack Comfort Inn
- Abbotsford Heat / Reebok

And more support for our programs through grants include:

- **CKNW** awarded \$9,202.95 in support of our Child & Family Resource Program.
- **Vancity** supports our Therapeutic Kindergarten Readiness Program with a \$10,000 grant.
- **Vancouver Sun Children's Fund** approves \$4,947.00 grant to support our Child & Family Resource Program.



Brenda Benedict and Michael Spuls of Van City Abbotsford present Karen McLean, Executive Director with a cheque for \$10000



FVDCDC STAFF DONATION CAMPAIGN

We had an excellent response to our FVDCDC Staff Donation campaign. Staff were given the opportunity to give back to the Centre by donating through payroll deductions. The donations totaled \$5,001!

A big thank-you to all staff who contributed.

Helping Kids Shine

Yes, I would like to support the Fraser Valley Child Development Centre in their goal of "Helping Kids Shine"

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to make a one time contribution of: \$ _____

Enclosed is my cheque, payable to: Fraser Valley Child Development Centre

Please charge my credit card (complete below)

I would like to make a monthly contribution of \$ _____

Enclosed is my cheque, marked void (please sign below)

Please charge my credit card monthly

Visa Mastercard

Card #: _____ Expiry: _____

Signature: _____

Please mail or drop off to: FVDCDC 102-32885 Ventura Ave., Abbotsford V2S 6A3

Thank-you for your support. A charitable tax receipt will be mailed to you upon receipt of your donation.
Charitable Registration No. 108163163 RR0001



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CARF SURVEY

June 23rd, 24th & 25th

We invited CARF surveyors to evaluate how well our services meet international standards for quality. The survey team will be looking at many things about us and our services.

As part of the survey, the surveyors will interview people who use our services, their families, our staff and others.

If you would like to talk with one of the CARF survey team members or want to learn more about CARF, please let one of our staff members know. You may also contact CARF directly:

- Internet: www.carf.org
- E-mail: feedback@carf.org
- Toll-free: (866)510-2273



Awarded a Three-Year Accreditation by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) for Programs in each of its 4 sites Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission, Hope

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"The FVDCDC, in partnership with families and communities, provides services which enhance the quality of life for children with developmental needs."

First Annual Family & Friend

Helping Kids Shine Run, Walk & Roll

RAIN OR SHINE!

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH
TIME: 9:00 TO 12:30
PLACE: SARDIS SECONDARY SCHOOL
45460 STEVENSON ROAD,
CHILLIWACK

Highlights:

- Charlotte Diamond Children's Concert
- Major Sharon Gaetz
- Carnival Fun including bouncy castle, face painting, balloon artists, arts & crafts and more
- Lunch included
- Prizes & Awards
- Fundraising Challenges

Those registered before June 4th, will receive a free t-shirt.

1km walk/roll *
5km Fun Run
* please note: no roller blades or bikes permitted

To register visit:
www.fvcdc.org
Or call 604.852.2686 ext. 274

\$10.00 per person
\$25.00 per family (4 members)
\$50.00 per team (4 members)

