

Alternative Professional Development Opportunities



Explore additional online professional development opportunities for early childhood educators and child care professionals, including self-paced courses, workshops, webinars, and learning resources. Both free and paid options are available.

General Professional Development

- [BC Early Years Professional Development Hub](#) – Free online courses and discussion opportunities for early learning professionals (PD hours vary by course).
- [Government of BC – Training and Professional Development](#) – Free self-guided courses and professional development resources (PD hours vary by course).
- [YMCA BC LEARN](#) – Free, self-paced online workshops for early learning professionals (2–3 PD hours per course).

Early Learning & Child Development

- [Introducing the Early Learning Framework](#) – Free, self-guided Government of BC online course (8 PD hours upon successful completion of all assessments).
- [Autism and Neurodiversity in Early Childcare](#) – Free, self-paced online program (5 PD hours).
- [Nurturing Childhoods Through Indigenous Ways of Knowing](#) – Self-paced online course exploring Indigenous perspectives on childhood and learning (24 PD hours).
- [Behaviour in the Early Years](#) – Free online training focused on understanding and supporting children's behaviour (10 PD hours).
- [Foundations of Inclusive Child Care Training](#) – Free online training focused on inclusive child care practices (12 PD hours).

Health, Wellness & Emotional Well-Being

- [Appetite to Play](#) – Online learning modules focused on healthy eating and physical activity (1.5 PD hours per module; fees may apply).
- [Appetite to Play for Families – Facilitator Training](#) – Free online training for professionals supporting families (4–6 PD hours).
- [Strong Minds Strong Kids](#) – Online courses supporting children's mental health and well-being (PD hours vary by course; free and paid options).
- [Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Early Years \(EASEY\)](#) – Free online course and resources for supporting young children's emotional well-being (PD hours not confirmed).
- [Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators \(EASE K–7\)](#) – Free online training focused on supporting children experiencing anxiety (approximately 3–4 PD hours).
- [Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute](#) – On-demand webinars and workshops covering mental health, trauma, and emotional well-being (PD hours vary by training; free and paid options).
- [YMCA Online Training – Healthy Eating After School](#) – Free online course focused on promoting healthy eating in after-school programs (2 PD hours).

Important Notes:

- Professional development hours are provided for reference and may vary.
- Participants are responsible for confirming that training meets the requirements for their individual certification or professional development needs. For information about ECE certificate renewal requirements, visit the [BC ECE Registry – Certificate Renewal](#) page.