# Newcomer & Diversity ECE Resources

**ELSA Net** – <u>www.elsanet.org/site/resources/links-childcare-educators</u>
This page provides information and resources for service providers, early childhood educators, child-minding educators, policy makers and the general public on newcomer children – kids aged 0-12 from immigrant, refugee, and/or temporary resident families.

AMSSA Newcomer Children Information Exchange – <a href="www.amssa.org">www.amssa.org</a>
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**Mothercraft** - <a href="www.mothercraft.ca/index.php?q=ccc\_archive">www.mothercraft.ca/index.php?q=ccc\_archive</a>
Free Online Professional Development Courses for Settlement Workers - Caring for Canada's Children.

**Welcoming Newcomer Children** - <u>www.welcomingchildren.ca</u>
A resource for teachers and others with an interest in supporting young newcomers from birth through age 8.

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Embracing Diversity: Sharing Our Songs and Rhymes
<a href="mailto:bpl.bc.ca.nmsrv.com/kids/embracing-diversity/about-this-project">bpl.bc.ca.nmsrv.com/kids/embracing-diversity/about-this-project</a>
A website regarding cultural diversity and promotes inclusiveness.

### Parents Matter - www.parentsmatter.ca

The website has valuable free downloadable information in multilingual languages to support early childhood educators and families.

### Mantra Lingua - www.mantralingua.com

Mantra Lingua is a UK based publishing house that supplies bilingual resources around the world. Mantra Lingua is about connecting languages for children. With increased mobility of populations across the globe, e.g. Brazilians in Japan, Germans in Sweden, Indians in Gambia, Mantra Lingua has developed a set of values that stems from a desire to retain distinctness and yet encourage integration of new communities in various societies.

## **New In Canada Parenting Support**

http://cmascanada.ca/2011/02/07/new-in-canada-parenting-support-series-brochures/

There are many challenges facing parents in keeping children safe and secure in a new and unfamiliar environment. That's why CMAS developed the New In Canada Parenting Support Brochures (in English, French, Arabic, Cantonese, Korean, Mandarin, Farsi, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, and Urdu).

**Rainbow Caterpillar** - <u>www.rainbowcaterpillar.ca/index.html</u> Children's books in rainbow of languages.

### **Positive Parenting (Videos)**

### www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/child\_protection/positive\_parenting.htm

Parenting Video for Newcomer Families in Four Languages: MCFD, the Vancouver, Surrey and Burnaby school districts and community partners, S.U.C.C.E.S.S., Mosaic and the South Vancouver Neighborhood House are partners in the creation of Understanding Positive Parenting and the Role of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, a new video project aimed at supporting and strengthening BC's immigrant and refugee communities. Currently available in Mandarin with English subtitles, and Cantonese, Korean and Vietnamese dubs with English subtitles, the culturally appropriate videos look at the challenges faced by immigrant families as they navigate a new culture, new societal rules – and, in some cases, a growing communication gap between parents and children. The videos seek to 'demystify' the ministry, explain child protection and family support, and offer clear information about the wide range of programs and services available, including those for children and youth with special needs or mental health challenges, and their families.

#### Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre -

#### www.wstcoast.org/free\_resources.html

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

### BC Association of Family Resource Programs - www.frpbc.ca

The BC Association of Family Resource Programs promotes the Family Resource Program model as a community hub where both Canadian born families and those new to Canada can access family support, opportunities for engagement, and community resources.

#### Mama Lisa's World - www.mamalisa.com

Mama Lisa's World of Music, Kids Songs and International Culture.

### Raising Children in a New Country -

www.brycs.org/documents/upload/RaisingChildren-Handbook.pdf The booklet focuses mainly on parenting young children.

#### **Attachment Across Cultures -**

#### www.attachmentacrosscultures.org/about/toolkit eng.pdf

This toolkit is directed to all those interested in exploring and validating cross-cultural attachment beliefs, values and practices.



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