

Playful Learning in the Early Years Resources for Childcare Providers

Ministry of Education Documents:

- [BC Early Learning Framework \(ELF\) for Educators](#) - a guiding document for those working with children aged birth to age 8 (Grade 3) in BC
- [BC Early Learning Framework: A Guide for Families](#) – a summary of the Early Learning Framework for families. Many of the suggestions included for families could also be used by daycare providers in their settings.
- [FREE online course to learn about the Early Learning Framework](#) – this can be done at your own pace and results in a certificate for 8 professional development hours.
- [Let's Play! Activities for Families](#) – a document with activity ideas to do with children before they start school (connected to each of the four Living Inquiry areas in the ELF). Although designed for families, many of the ideas could be used in childcare settings as well. If you would like a print copy of this document, please email [Carey](#) with your name and mailing address.
- [Ready, Set, Learn](#) – an older document, but still has good information and activity ideas for children before they enter school. The link takes you to the English version of the document, but it is also available in many other languages [HERE](#)
- [Play Today for Educators](#) – a document for early years educators that summarizes the different types of play and provides examples of play-based learning experiences for each type of play.
- [Play Today: A Guide for Families](#) – a summary of the Play Today document for families. It provides an overview of the different types of play and how children learn through play.
- [When I Go to Kindergarten](#) – a document for children who are starting Kindergarten and their families with many pages for them to draw and tell about themselves as they prepare to start school. Childcare providers could complete the booklet with older children.

Websites & Other Resources

- [Appetite to Play](#) - resources for educators and families to encourage healthy eating and physical activity in the early years. Also includes online learning modules for childcare providers at low cost and provides pro-d certificates for each module completed.
- [Monique Gray Smith](#) talks to children (and adults) about being kind to ourselves, each other, and the land through looking at pictures in her book, *When We Are Kind*. She mentions the role of culture in healthy foods, etc.
- [100 Books to Read Before Kindergarten](#) – book list from the Greater Victoria Public Library of great picture books to share with young children.