

NATIONAL CHILD DAY



IT'S OUR RIGHT TO LEARN TOOLKIT
NATIONAL CHILD DAY 2015, ALBERTA

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PURPOSE

This toolkit was created to help people and communities participate in celebrating National Child Day on November 20th, 2015. The toolkit provides practical resources and activity ideas related to various forms of learning that can be used in a variety of settings with different age groups to celebrate National Child Day.

AUDIENCE

This toolkit was made for families, community, organizations, schools and childcare programs.

HOW TO USE THE TOOLKIT

1. Find the section of the toolkit that applies to your work and/or home life.
2. Try some of the suggested activities and resources with children within your community/family during the week of National Child Day (November 20th, 2015).
3. Let us know how your family, organization or school celebrated National Child Day by completing the quick and easy online form on the National Child Day website (www.nationalchildday.ca).
4. Continue to LEARN throughout the year!

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DIFFERENT KINDS OF LEARNING

Learning does not only occur in formal school settings. Children are ready to learn from the moment of birth and continue to learn across their life span with different styles and intensities. Learning happens in relationship with others- parents, teachers, elders, peers and in many environments- homes, schools and communities. Learning opportunities can occur anywhere!

This year we focus the toolkit on resources to support:

THE RIGHT TO LEARN THROUGH PLAY

Through play, children learn about themselves, their environment, people and the world around them. As they play, children learn to solve problems and to get along with others. They enhance their creativity and develop leadership skills and healthy personalities. Play develops skills children need to learn to read and write. (Colorado State University)

THE RIGHT TO LEARN ABOUT MY RIGHTS

Every child in Canada and around the world from birth to 18 has rights. Rights are what you should have or be able to do to survive, thrive and meet your full potential. All rights are equally important and are connected to each other. You are born with these rights, and no one can take them away. (UNICEF)

THE RIGHT TO LEARN ABOUT MY CULTURE

Culture can give people a connection to certain social values, beliefs, religions and customs. It allows them to identify with others of similar mindsets and backgrounds. Cultural heritage can provide an automatic sense of unity and belonging within a group and allows us to better understand previous generations and the history of where we come from. (www.cultivatingculture.com)

HOW CAN YOU BE A CHAMPION OF LEARNING?

- Provide various environments and materials for children to engage and learn with.
- Give children time to process information and experiences.
- Let the children explore and engage in their own way. Children should be in control of the content and intent of their own learning experience!
- Support their ideas and decisions with tools, skills and questions.

ORGANIZATIONS & COMMUNITIES

National Child Day celebrates children as active participants in their own lives and in their community. With the support of the adults around them, children can learn about their rights and how to respect the rights and freedoms of others.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

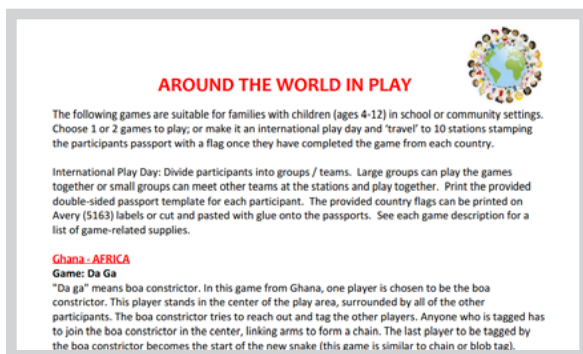


Nature Play Flash Cards
Alberta Recreation & Parks Association
<http://bit.ly/1OQSqpV>



Early Learning - Go Play Resources
Aligning Early Learning and Care Network
<http://bit.ly/1KCMVTU>

LEARNING ABOUT MY CULTURE



Around the World in Play
Alberta National Child Day Collaborative
<http://bit.ly/1IZWBum>

LEARNING ABOUT MY RIGHTS

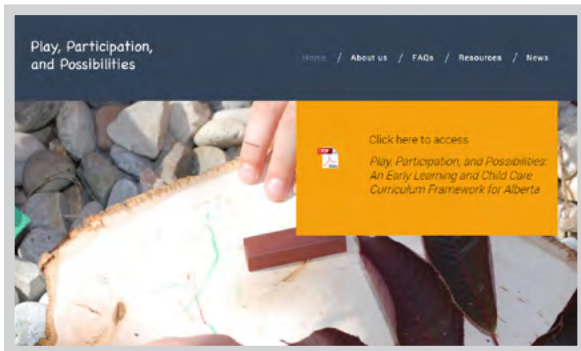


Respecting Children's Rights in Practice
Canadian Child Care Federation
<http://bit.ly/1gqdFx8>

EDUCATORS & SCHOOLS

Human rights education promotes positive values such as cooperation, inclusion and respect. Teaching children about rights and values encourages the development of self-esteem, active participation and reinforces positive behaviors.

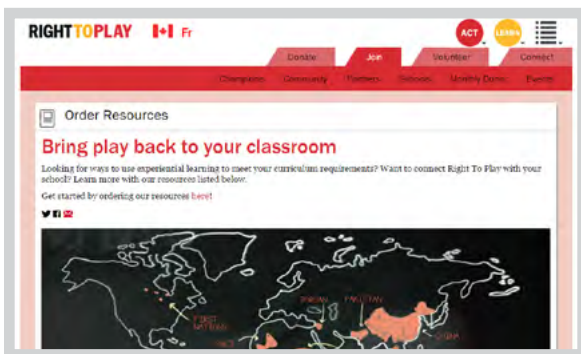
LEARNING THROUGH PLAY



Play, Participation, and Possibilities: An Early Learning and Child Care Curriculum Framework for Alberta
www.childcareframework.com



Physical Literacy through Language and Numeracy
<http://bit.ly/1KFIqbh>



Play Day Manual & Energizer Activities
Right to Play
<http://bit.ly/1DSn7hH>



Move & Play... The Inclusive Way!
Steadward Centre for Personal & Physical Achievement
<http://bit.ly/1JLiOXj>

* To purchase the full set of flashcards *

Web: <http://bit.ly/1UqdwX4>

Email: free2bme@sports.ualberta.ca

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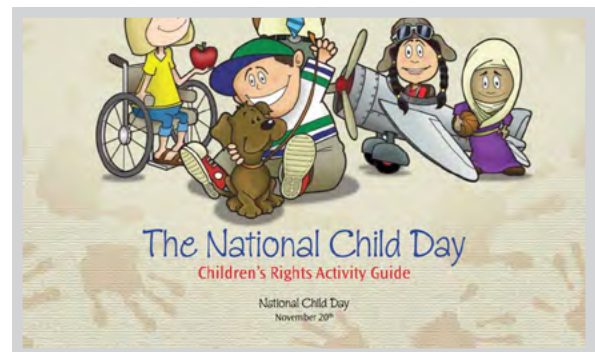
Children Books (Available at your local library / <http://bit.ly/1H6FUWC>):

- Whoever You Are, Mem Fox
- I Like Myself, Karen Beaumont
- We're Different, We're The Same, Bobbi Kates & Joe Mathieu
- I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World, Malala Youzafzai
- A Life Like Mine, UNICEF
- All the Colors of the Earth, Shelia Hamanka
- I Have the Right to Be a Child, Alain Serres
- This Child, Every Child: A Book About the World's Children, David J. Smith

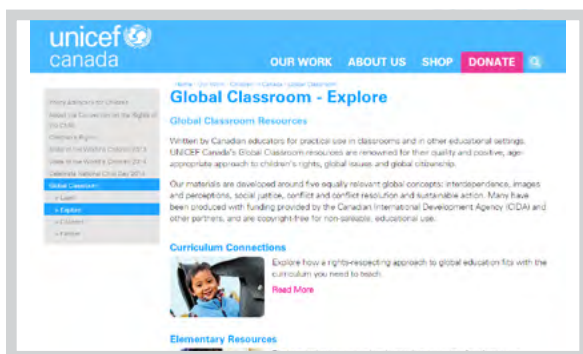
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Early Years – Children's Rights Coloring Book
Cape Breton University
<http://bit.ly/1UnSuxE>



Children's Rights Activity Guide
Government of Canada
<http://bit.ly/1DSnsl>

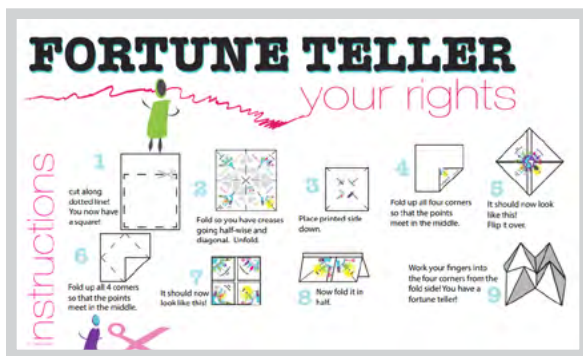


Global Classroom Resources
UNICEF Canada
<http://bit.ly/1KCNH3n>

HOME & FAMILY

A child's first lessons about the world come from their home and family. Through the actions of parents and caregivers, children learn what it means to be human. Families can engage in activities that help children learn about their rights and responsibilities as they grow and develop.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY



Fortune Teller your Rights Origami Activity
Society for Children and Youth of BC
<http://bit.ly/1LT9JtJ>

LEARNING ABOUT MY CULTURE



Build your Family Tree
<http://bit.ly/1h7XLaG>

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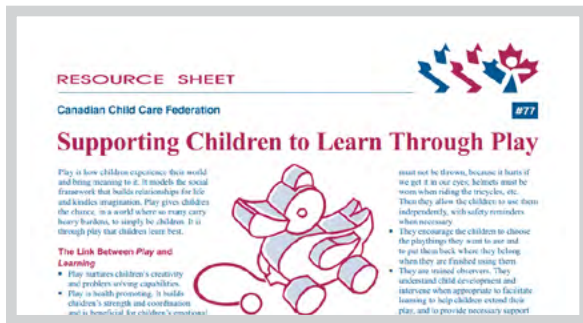


Parent Brochure
Society for Children and Youth of BC
<http://bit.ly/1gXKJZ3>



Respecting Children's Rights at Home
Canadian Child Care Federation
<http://bit.ly/1INYTg8>

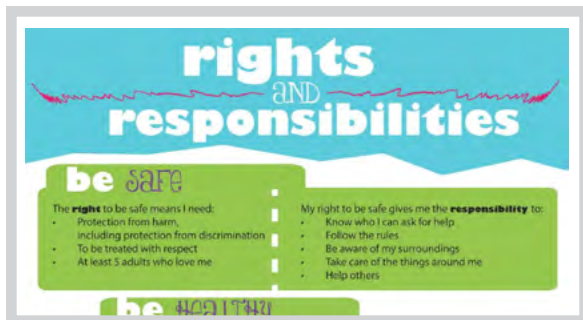
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Supporting Children to Learn Through Play
Canadian Child Care Federation
<http://bit.ly/1rRNqTa>



Resources
Society for Children and Youth BC
<http://bit.ly/1pxsFKw>



Poster
Society for Children and Youth BC
<http://bit.ly/ZAPSI6>



What is Culture Magnet
Society for Children and Youth BC
<http://bit.ly/1LT9PYO>



Children's Rights in Education
UNICEF
<http://bit.ly/1lb6tf1>



Learning to Play and Playing to Learn
Best Start
<http://bit.ly/1FhIODC>

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