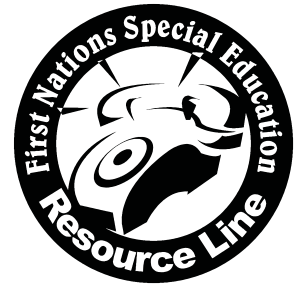


First Nations Special Education CONNECTIONS



Newsletter of the First Nations Special Education Toll-free Resource Line

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Do you work with First Nations students in British Columbia?

Do you have special education questions?

If so, you are invited to contact the First Nations Special Education Resource Line! The Resource Line is a free service for BC educators and parents.

The Resource Line is designed to help you brainstorm approaches, guide you toward helpful resources, help you to understand assessment documents, and share the latest information on special education.

When you call, you will reach the Resource Line Coordinator, Holly Smith. Holly is available to answer your questions, Monday to Thursday, 12:30 to 4:30 during the school year

Contact the Resource Line:

Toll-free 1-877-547-1919

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Connections is the newsletter of the Resource Line. Back issues of *Connections* are available from

www.fnsa.ca/resource-line.htm

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Special 2008/2009 Professional Development Issue

September 11, Vancouver. Jump Math. New work in cognition has shown that mathematical abilities can be developed in all students (even ones who have traditionally struggled at school) through rigorous instruction. In this seminar we will present a number of proven methods that teachers can use to engage their entire class in learning mathematics. By using continuous assessment, by breaking explanations into manageable steps, and by challenging students to discover ideas by incrementally raising the bar, teachers can keep their whole class moving along at roughly the same pace. URGENT: Please email sforsey@vsb.bc.ca or liz.barrett@jumpmath.org to indicate what grade level of materials you wish to receive (single grade only, Gr.1-8). <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/vsbprograms/prod/register.htm?page=workshopdetails&workshopid=707>

September 19-21 & November 14-16, Terrace and Vancouver. FNSL 130 - Language and Literacy Development. This course will look at language, pre-literacy and literacy development in a child. Theories of language development and different literacy programs will be explored. The influence of language and literacy on academic development will be discussed. Cultural and second language learning issues will also be included in this course. <http://www.fnsa.ca/specialed.htm>

September 20, Victoria. Naturalistic Strategies in Autism Treatment: The Latest Research on Pivotal Response Training. Presented by Laura Schreibman, Ph.D. Distinguished Professor of Psychology Director of the Autism Research Project, University of California, San Diego. In addition to the latest research on PRT, Dr. Schreibman, a world renowned autism scholar, will share her insights into the importance of parent training, the vaccine controversy and the growing research pointing to the necessity of individualizing autism treatment. http://www.actbc.ca/workshops_and_training/workshops/2008_pdfs/Schreibman08.pdf

September 22, Abbotsford. What is FASD Really? & What is Effective Intervention? An Evening with Dr. Sterling Clarren. During the evening's presentation, Dr. Clarren will discuss the most recent information about FASD research and diagnosis. The audience will gain a better understanding of the variety of physical changes and neurological damage which result in learning and behaviour disabilities for people with FASD. With an increased level of understanding, educators will be able to provide more effective and appropriate supports for students with FASD. Dr. Clarren will present ways for teachers to intervene effectively in teaching students with FASD. <http://www.fasdoutreach.ca/teacher-resources/conferences-events/conferences-events>

September - December 2008. Various locations. Regional Sessions are meetings held in communities with educators and all interested individuals to discuss the current activities of the First Nations Education Steering Committee, First Nations Schools Association, Aboriginal Education Enhancements Branch of the BC Ministry of Education, and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and to network regarding local education matters.

For registration forms, please check the events section of the FNEESC website <http://www.fnesc.ca/>

September 23-24 Prince Rupert
October 6-7, Kamloops
October 9-10, Lytton and Prince George
October 14-15, Campbell River and Cranbrook
October 16-17, Port Alberni
October 20-21, Lower Mainland
October 23-24, Victoria
November 13-14, Williams Lake
November 20-21, Kelowna

September 24-26, Vancouver. Health and Well-Being in Persons with Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities: Children, Youth, and Adults. Children, youth and adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder experience high rates of both health and mental health concerns. These impact significantly on quality of life of the individual concerned as well as their families, caregivers and the community. This conference will provide education and informative updates on psychiatric, behavioural. This conference will provide education and informative updates on psychiatric, behavioural and complex health components specific to individuals with DD, and showcase best practices in the field. The conference will address topics such as Epilepsy; Aging in Down Syndrome; Prader Willi Syndrome; Autism Spectrum Disorders; Sexual Health; Self Injurious Behaviour (SIB) and other challenging behaviours as well as 'co-morbid health conditions' such as dysphagia, pain and mobility issues. http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Developmental_Disabilities.html

September 25-28 & October 2-8, Fraser Lake. PHONICS FUNDAMENTALS Level 1 An Orton-Gillingham Multisensory Training Course. The Orton-Gillingham method teaches students to read and write through a multi-sensory, systematic, cumulative, fun approach. This is a 40-hour, intensive course, which will require lots of practice and preparation of lessons. By the end of the course, trainees will have completed 6 lesson plans using multisensory aids, 6-1 hour practicum lessons, mastery of the Auditory and Visual Sounds and a final review. Come prepared to learn through a multisensory, systematic, cumulative, fun approach! Presented by local instructors Gloria Olafson (sld1@bcgroup.net) and Stephanie Lindstrom (sld1@bcgroup.net), 250-699-2522.

September 26, Prince George. Move'in and Zone'in. These two programs were developed by an occupational therapist to assist in the development of attention and fine motor skills. FNEESC/FNSA will provide training in 5 locations in the province in the 2008-2009 year and will provide participants with both programs. For other dates, locations and more information refer to; <http://www.fnsa.ca/specialed.htm>

September 26 & 27, Vancouver. How to Use the ABLLS-R as an Assessment and IEP Development Tool. Suzanne Jacobsen Ed.D., BCBA, Clinical Director, ABA Learning Centre. The Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills-Revised (The ABLLS-R) is an assessment tool, curriculum guide, and skills-tracking system used to guide the instruction of language and critical learner skills for children with autism or other developmental disabilities. Those who have taken the Introduction to the Verbal Behavior Approach to ABA will find this workshop particularly helpful. <http://www.actcommunity.net/PDFs/WorkshopUpdate.pdf>

September 28-29, Abbotsford. De-Escalating Potentially Violent Situations. This two-day workshop is put on by the Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute Inc. Topics covered include: Threat Assessment Overview, High Risk Factors, The Crisis Defusing Process, and more. To receive a registration form call 1-877-353-3205 or email info@ctrinstitute.com. For detailed information about this course and an on-line registration form please visit <http://www.ctrinstitute.com/deescalatefall08.htm>

October 2 & 3, Prince George. FRIENDS for Life. The FRIENDS program, developed in Australia, is a school-based program demonstrated to be effective in reducing the risk of anxiety disorders and building resilience in children. Schools represent ideal settings in which to detect early symptoms of anxiety and to equip children with skills to cope with and manage problem situations. It is an early intervention, anxiety prevention program designed for teachers and school counselors to use with all grade 4 and 5 students. New in 2008-2009 will be the offering of the FRIENDS for Life Youth Program for grades 7-9. It is intended to be a continuation of the children's version of the program. <http://www.fnsa.ca/programs.htm#friends> for more information.

October 2-4, Vancouver. Childhood and Adolescent Obesity 2008 How We Live, How We Learn, and How

We Work: Implications for the Prevention and Treatment of Childhood Obesity. This conference brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals who work in the field of childhood and adolescent obesity or are confronted with this growing problem. The sessions have been proposed based on a framework of living (home/community environment), learning (school environment) and working (work environment) and how these settings are associated with childhood obesity. A focus of this conference will include cultural considerations for working with Aboriginal communities and individuals. http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Obesity_Conference.htm

October 3, Vancouver. Social Interaction, Sensory & Information Processing, and Genetic Discoveries in ASD – What is the Research Telling Us? Dr. Minshew's research indicates that autism impacts the behavioral function of the brain very broadly. In this presentation, Dr. Minshew will talk about how individuals with autism think and how their brain operates across a broad range of abilities from sensory processing to problem solving. These findings have major implications for daily intervention and interactions. She will also present on some of the latest genetic discoveries and their promise for future treatment. For a complete description view brochure at http://www.actbc.ca/workshops_and_training/workshops/2008_pdfs/Focus2008.pdf

October 6, Terrace & October 17, Nanimo. Move'in and Zone'in. These two programs were developed by an occupational therapist to assist in the development of attention and fine motor skills. FNESC/FNSA will provide training in 5 locations in the province in the 2008-2009 year and will provide participants with both programs. For other dates, locations and more information refer to; <http://www.fnsa.ca/specialed.htm>

October 14, Smithers. Using Our Strengths to End Violence. An evening with leading educator, activist and author- Jackson Katz Jackson Katz is recognized worldwide for his groundbreaking work in gender violence prevention education with men and boys, particularly in sports culture and the military. Learn more at <http://jacksonkatz.com>. This evening presentation is hosted by Northern Society for Domestic Peace, 250-847-9000 for more information.

October 14, Surrey. Walk A Mile in My Shoes. An interactive, energetic and very enlightening workshop for everyone! What more effective way to understand learning disabilities than to experience first hand how it feels to be learning disabled. A trained facilitator will walk you through a series of interactive simulations. You will gain a better understanding of the day to day experiences of an adult or child with learning disabilities. Presented by the Learning Disabilities Association – Fraser South Chapter. www.ldafs.org

October 16-17, Duncan. Dr David Burns presents Feeling Good Together; Mastering the New. COGNITIVE INTERPERSONAL THERAPY (CIT) is a new treatment model developed by Dr. Burns to help patients resolve conflicts and develop more satisfying personal relationships. CIT differs from cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) both in theory and in treatment techniques. Suitable for all mental health professionals, including school counselors seeking practical, proven methods to enhance their therapeutic skills. <http://www.jackhirose.com/brochures/bcburns20081016who.html>

October 22-24, Richmond. BC School Counsellors' Association Conference. The conference theme is: Putting the Pieces Together. Rosalind Wiseman author of Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends, and Other Realities of Adolescence published by Crown in May 2002 is the Keynote speaker. Twice a New York Times Bestseller, Queen Bees & Wannabes was the basis for the 2004 movie Mean Girls. Other recent publications include contributions to Parade Magazine and Town and Country. Her most recent book Queen Bee Moms and Kingpin Dads was released in 2006 and she is a monthly columnist for Family Circle Magazine. To view workshops and for online registration go to <http://www.bcscaconference.ca>

October 23-24, Burnaby. The Aboriginal Education Association AEA PSA Conference ABORIGINAL VOICES: CREATING OUR FUTURE. A multi-disciplinary conference encompassing history, culture, art, music emotional education, indigenous languages, and a variety of elementary and secondary content. For more information e-mail marjorie_dumont@hotmail.com or phone Marjorie at 604-633-0085

October 23-24, Kamloops. Interior Region's 4th FASD Conference. This conference will be an important asset to those involved in supporting individuals and families impacted by FASD. With an emphasis on supporting children and youth, this conference will benefit parents, caregivers, friends and professionals to focus on creating a safe, educated environment to help the individual develop to the best of their ability. Hosted By: Insight Support Services Inc. Phone: (250) 554-0085 Fax: (250) 554-0095 Email: insightcathy@telus.net

October 23-24, Vancouver. Learning with Technology - Integrating Technology with the K12 Curriculum. The Computer Using Educators of BC (CUEBC) and BC Educators for Distributed Learning (BCEDL) are co-sponsoring this 34th annual conference. This year's theme is "Teaching to the Multiple Literacies" The conference is directed at K-12 educators and post-secondary sectors interested in augmenting and improving their work by using technology. This is an opportunity for teachers, faculty, and administrators to experience and discuss innovative practices that reflect current research concerning technology in education. In addition, Teaching to the Multiple Literacies will provide numerous hands-on workshops concurrent with the

presentations. Further information available at <http://cuebc.ca>

October 23-25, Richmond. BCTELA Annual Conference: Navigating English Language Arts in the 21st Century. Keynote, Wine & Cheese with Kathy Gould Lundy. Other featured speakers include: Faye Brownlie, Sharon Jeroski, Karen Hume, Susan Close. Workshops, Institutes, Engaging Learners, 21st Century Teaching and Learning, Backward Design. See brochure and register online at www.bctf.ca/bctela

October 24, Burnaby. Teaching to Diversity: Universal Design for Learning. Keynote Speaker David Rose, Ed.D Founder and Chief Education Officer Chief Scientist, Cognition and Learning Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST) will be held at the Marlborough Elementary School, Co-sponsored by the Burnaby School District/The Learning Assistance Teachers' Assn./SET BC/Provincial Intermediate Teachers' Assn. Diversity is the norm in British Columbia's inclusive classrooms and all students vary in degrees of interest, background knowledge and ability in the subject areas. In addition, 20% of students with average intelligence are not meeting grade level outcomes and require curricular accommodations to be successful, these are the 120,000 students in the "grey area." Another 10% of students meet criteria for one of the 12 special needs categories (e.g., autism, learning disability.) For additional information about the conference and/or registration contact: Alan Peterson at lataconference@hotmail.com or online www.bctf.ca/LATA

October 24, Coquitlam. Gifted Ed '08 Conference - The Association for Educators of Gifted, Talented and Creative Children in BC presents at Winslow Centre conference strand one: Susan Winebrenner, 'Teaching Gifted Students in the Regular Classroom. Conference strand two: a series of intensive sessions featuring Dr. Lannie Kanevsky, 'Acceleration-possibilities and practise' and other noted educators working in the gifted education field. Look for more information on our website <http://bctf.ca/psas/AEGTCCBC>

October 24, Revelstoke. Hope and Potential: FASD workshop with Diane Malbin. This session establishes the brain = behaviour link and an approach to developing appropriate and effective person-specific strategies. This workshop was designed for parents and professionals together; content is relevant for the range of disciplines. It was developed to provide a common language for participants to have that enhances ongoing collaboration and networking among those working with people with FASD and their family systems. Participants in past training sessions have included parents, teachers, nurses, physicians, attorneys, judges, addictions professionals, psychologists, and social workers, among others. http://www.fasdoutreach.ca/files/downloads/Diane_Malbin_flyer_Revelstoke_October24.pdf

October 24, Vancouver. Discovering the Possibilities with Visual Strategies: Meeting the Communication, Behavior & Social Skill Challenges for Individuals with ASD. Linda Hodgdon, M.Ed., CCC-SLP is a speech language pathologist who is internationally known as a pioneer in developing the use of visual strategies to support communication for students with ASD. She is the author of Visual Strategies for Improving Communication and Solving Behaviors in Autism. Considered essential resources for professionals, these books are packed with practical, effective ideas for improving communication and behavior. A powerful and entertaining presenter, Linda shares practical information that inspires program participants. http://www.actbc.ca/workshops_and_training/workshops/2008_pdfs/VisualStrategies.pdf

October 24, Vancouver. Speaking of Kids Conference 2008. Join us as we endeavor to increase the understanding of learning disabilities and the important role this knowledge can play in enhancing the lives of children and their families. Special guest Danny Glover and his long time friend Felix Justice speaking on the Power of Literacy. Glover is a powerful advocate for literacy and has spoken to elementary and highschool students around North America about the joys of education. Presented by the Learning Disabilities Association – Vancouver. <http://www.ldav.ca>

October 24-25, Abbotsford. BCPTA sponsored Primary Leadership Conference. Friday Program Keynote Speaker: Regie Routman, Teacher and Author "Reading Essentials" plus a Breakout Session. A wide range of topics will be presented by classroom teachers, and speakers in demand Kim Sutton, Brenda Boylan and more. Saturday Mini Conference Feature Speakers Adrienne Gear (Reading), Brenda Boylan (Writing) Kim Sutton (Math), Brian Herrin & Carol Roitberg (Science-Oral Language) Contact Information Registrar Sandra Huggett shuggett@sd57.bc.ca BCPTA website www.bctf.ca/bcpta

October 24-25 Kelowna. Invigorate your teaching - refresh your body - rejuvenate your mind - revitalize your teaching! Just what every teacher needs, a professional development experience to truly enjoy. The P.I.T.A. Fall Conference provides Intermediate and Middle School teachers (Grades 4-9) with over 60 relevant workshops in all subject areas. Learn how to help all students succeed with workshops from great presenters such as Dawn Reithaug (research based, practical workshops in reading and adapting instruction) Mary Moody (use-it-tomorrow workshops on math and helping the disorganized student) Dr.

David Rose (differentiating instruction with UDL) Diana Cruchley (literature and writing workshops) Dr. Duncan McKinlay (working with students with Tourettes and associative disorders) and many more. In addition, enjoy an extensive Marketplace and indulge yourself with deals and activities at local spas, hotels and entertainment venues. All this and the chance to network with teachers from around BC make this an event that cannot be missed! Located at Rutland Middle and Senior Schools. For a detailed brochure and online registration visit www.pita.ca

NOVEMBER 2008

November 5, Kamloops & November 7, Vancouver. Move'in and Zone'in. These two programs were developed by an occupational therapist to assist in the development of attention and fine motor skills. FNEC/FNSA will provide training in 5 locations in the province in the 2008-2009 year and will provide participants with both programs. For other dates, locations and more information refer to <http://www.fnsa.ca/specialed.htm>

November 5-7, Richmond. Making Connections - Systems for Success. Featured plenary speaker (Nov. 6th) Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond (BC Representative of Children and Youth) Making Connections 2008 is the 11th Annual Conference focusing on a systemic, positive, school-wide approach to creating a safe and caring school culture. Promising practices will include linking assessment to instruction, linking social responsibility with PBS, and implementing PBS in elementary, middle and secondary schools. For further information, please contact Kathy Champion at: 604-668-6063 or by email: kchampion@richmond.sd38.bc.ca or visit <http://www.iss-bc.ca/event/2008/11/05/making-connections-systems-for-success>

November 6 & 7, Kelowna. Gordon Neufeld presents a two-hour evening presentation for parents Hold Onto Your Kids on the 6th. November 7th is for professionals. These events are being hosted by Kelowna Youth and Family Services. For more information, please contact Lorraine Helgerson either by phone at (250) 763-2405, or by email at kyfs@shawcable.com.

November 6, Vancouver. Healthy Schools: Improving Learning, Health and Literacy Conference. Featuring "What Really Works in Promoting Health in Schools?" Dr. Lawrence St. Leger, International School Health Expert; "Engagement, Belonging and Connection: The Power of Learning Partnerships" Dr. Linda Kaser and Dr. Judy Halbert, co-leaders of the Network of Performance Based Schools. This is an important conference for elementary, middle and secondary educators focused on healthy lifestyles and improving physical activity to assist in students' academic achievement, attitude towards school and learning and promoting a positive school culture. For more information and registration visit www.dashbc.org or call 604-583-6047

November 12-14, Richmond. Western Canadian Conference on Addictions and Mental Health Advanced Clinical Training in Addiction and Mental Health. This is a three-day gathering of addiction and mental health professionals exploring practical tools and techniques they can use now to help their clients and themselves. This year the conference will feature a youth-focused concurrent session each afternoon. For details <http://www.jackhirose.com/WCCAMH2008/index.html>

November 13-14, Abbotsford. Seminars by Dawn Reithaug: Interventions for Reading and Behaviour: Functional Behavioural Assessment with Planning. November 13th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Orchestrating Positive and Practical Behaviour Plans November 13th, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (based on Dawn's "red book") and Three Tiers of Intervention for Reading November 14th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. based on Dawn's newest book - to be released in October 2008. Email dreithaug@shaw.ca (for a brochure) or phone 604-926-4714

November 14, Vancouver. The Art of Advocacy for Parents of Children with Special Needs. Clair Schuman, E.D., ACT - Autism Community Training This workshop offers parents an overview of how to develop skills they need to navigate through the hurdles they may sometimes encounter. Using the school system as an example, parents are guided through the components of empowerment necessary to become an effective advocate for their child. Guidelines and tips will be provided in this positive, practical, user-friendly and interactive seminar. This workshop is not disability-specific, but will be especially helpful for parents of children with "invisible" disabilities. http://www.actbc.ca/workshops_and_training/workshops/2008_pdfs/ArtofAdvocacy.pdf

November 27-28, Duncan. A 2-day course on Bullies: Their Making and Unmaking. The course is directed towards professionals but parents are welcome to attend. This workshop has a broad application and is appropriate for clinical counsellors, social workers, psychiatric and community health nurses, family therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, classroom teachers, school counsellors and administrators, alcohol & drug counsellors, school based prevention coordinators, group home workers, youth workers, sexual abuse counsellors, probation officers, street workers, social service coordinators, and crisis counsellors who work directly with children and youth and are seeking practical, proven methods to enhance their therapeutic skills. <http://www.jackhirose.com/brochures/bcneufeld20081127.html>

November 27-29 Vancouver. 14th Annual Provincial Conference on Aboriginal Education, Strengthening Connections: Investing in Aboriginal Students. The conference is a major forum for networking and learning that drew 850 participants last year. Hosted by the First Nations Education Steering Committee and BC Ministry of Education with Métis Nation BC and United Native Nations Society. Workshop proposals accepted until Sept. 9, 2008. Event information is available at www.fnesc.ca/conferences/index.php or email conference@fnesc.ca.

DECEMBER 2008

December 5, Vancouver. The Explosive Child: The Collaborative Problem-Solving Approach. Dr. Greene provides an alternative conceptualization of the difficulties of these children and adolescents; namely, that their difficulties are a byproduct of lacking cognitive skills in the domains of flexibility/adaptability, frustration tolerance, and problem-solving. Based on this conceptualization, he provides an overview of a model of treatment called Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS), first articulated in his acclaimed book, *The Explosive Child*. The CPS model helps adults teach these lacking cognitive skills while reducing the frequency and intensity of explosive/noncompliant episodes. Dr. Greene will present research documenting the effectiveness of the CPS model in outpatient and inpatient populations and in juvenile detention facilities.
<http://www.jackhirose.com/brochures/bcgreene20081205.html>

JANUARY 2009

January 22-23, Vancouver. The 22nd Annual Challenge & Change Conference. We are excited to announce that Dr. Martin Brokenleg will be our keynote speaker! For more information visit his website: www.ayn.ca For further conference info and details visit www.bctf.ca/bcaea/

MARCH 2009

March 6, Prince George. Educational Spring Fling: 5th North Central Zone Conference. Featuring: Ian Jukes (keynote & presenter,) Adrienne Gear, and Gary Anaka. Excellent variety of workshops for all grades and subject areas. Venue: Prince George Senior Secondary School. Brochure and presenter information will be available December 2008 at, <http://www.bctf.ca/NorthCentralZone>. For more information contact Deb Vandal at dvandal@sd57.bc.ca or 250-562-7214

March 11-14, Victoria. 3rd International Conference on FASD - Integrating Research, Policy, and Promising Practice Around the World: A Catalyst for Change. FASD is a window through which to view the state of our world. While it has a profound impact on individuals, families and all aspects of society, it is also a stimulus for change. This international conference will provide a forum to discuss and examine current research, policy and practice that will assist parents, caregivers, service systems and governments as they strive to prevent FASD and to provide a range of supports for people living with it Visit <http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/FASD09.htm>

March 12-13, Vancouver. Special Education Association's 34th Annual Crosscurrents Conference. Keynote: Martin Brokenleg, Circle of Courage. Workshops/Exhibitor tables for Regular and Special Educators. Online information/registration: www.bctf.ca/sea Contact person: sfewster@telus.net

March 28, Surrey. The Adult Educators' (AEPsA) Meeting Adult Students Needs conference will be held at the Surrey Conference Centre. For more information contact Victor Guenther, AE president victoriojameseducation@hotmail.com

Looking to bring a special education workshop to your school? Visit these websites for ideas:

FNESC/FNSA Special Education Resource Team
<http://www.fnsa.ca/specialed.htm>

BCTF Professional Development Resource People
<http://bctf.ca/ProfessionalDevelopment.aspx?id=15540>

University of Victoria Professional Development Bookings
<http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/csie/faq-prod.aspx#2>

Be sure to check out the Connections Professional Development Issue on the FNSA website <http://www.fnsa.ca/specialed.htm> for more events throughout the school year.