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Staying Strong During Pandemic



Child and Nature Alliance of Canada

Interested in bringing children outdoors? Explore Thrive Outside — a free resource portal on outdoor learning and play available now! Designed by educators, for educators, Thrive Outside helps you to re-imagine what back to school can look like beyond the classroom. Visit www.thriveoutside.ca to get started today! There are many more resources to come — including a French portal. Like and follow @childnaturecanada for updates!



The children at **St. Michael's Out of School Care** program spend time looking at the photos in their memory book that the program creates each year. What a great way to have children remember all the fun they have with their friends and educators in the program!

Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework says "The process of engaging children to revisit and talk about their own learning experiences can contribute to each child's learner identity, as well as educators' understanding of learning processes".

Read **Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework** at <https://flightframework.ca/>



Meet our Early Childhood Educators



Caroline Skillstad is an outstanding early childhood educator! She has worked for I.F. Cox Before and After School Program for 6 years. Caroline is great with both staff and students. The children especially enjoy her creative gym games and art experiences. She is always willing to help with all aspects of the program.

Way to go Caroline!



ECE Antiracism Learning Journey

We highly recommend you check out the brand new independent and grassroots education/research project called the **ECE Antiracism Learning Journey** at <https://www.ece-racism-research.space/>.

Alison Lake (eceracismresearch@gmail.com) is the Volunteer/Founder. She gives the following suggestion on how you can use this resource to learn more about antiracism in ELCC:

- Skim through the words on the About page and click on some of the scholarly article PDFs at the top.
- Read the Stories in the Stories section (be careful with reading if you carry a history of racialized trauma).
- Read the 3 very different Strategy posts that are up so far - just scratching the surface.
- Reflect on the above 3 items and print one of the scholarly article PDFs to bring to your workplace.
- Share with others who may be interested, by connecting on Facebook or Instagram.
- Submit your own story [about racism in ELCC] on the Submissions page.



- Submit an antiracist action or process on the Strategy page.
- Email comments, critiques, or a pitch for a consult (ongoing paid consultations at professional rates with Black, Indigenous and People of Colour educators to improve the project).
- Email suggestions of people who may be interested in being interviewed for the Strategies section.
- Email with a request to join the volunteer team! Help build this resource, spread the word, and make it the best we can.