



Sooke - West Shore Professional Development Opportunities

January – June 2026
Workshops

Your community's best source for childcare information and resources

Online workshops (using MS Teams):

- ❖ A unique email is required to register for workshops as a link will be sent out to that email. Also ensure a compatible device and working internet connection are used.
- ❖ For facilitated learning for all please find a quiet space where you will be uninterrupted. Participants must attend the entire workshop with their camera and mic on to be eligible for a certificate.

In-person workshops:

- ❖ Registration for Licensed Group Centres will be held at a **maximum of 3** registrants from the same Licensed Group setting. If more would like to attend, a waitlist will be taken – please contact Melanie at mlangman@sfrs.ca – and individuals will be contacted a week prior to the workshop. If there is an in-person workshop your centre is interested in hosting in service – please contact Melanie to inquire mlangman@sfrs.ca.
- ❖ Child care is not available during workshops/trainings; please make other child care arrangements for your children during this time.

Helpful information:

- ❖ Certificates for completed workshops will be issued by the Sooke/West Shore CCRR unless otherwise noted.
- ❖ It is the participants' responsibility to read the workshop/course description and objectives and ensure the training selected is suitable for their learning needs. If you have questions about a workshop certificate being accepted by the ECE Registry, please contact them at 1-888-338-6622 or email eceregistry@gov.bc.ca.

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Metis Session 1 - Foundations

Thursday, January 22nd 2026

6:30-8:30pm

Online – link to be provided

Session 1 provides a brief foundational overview of who the Métis are and why it is important to include Métis content and pedagogy in early childhood education.

Presenter: Metis Nation BC



Metis Session 2 – Core Values

Thursday, February 26th 2026

6:30-8:30pm

Online – link to be provided



Session 2 introduces the Métis Core Values related to learning. It also addresses the concept of cultural safety and provides strategies on how to create a culturally safe learning environment to support the well-being of all children.

Presenter: Metis Nation BC

Metis Session 3

Thursday, March 5th 2026

6:30-8:30 pm

In-person - Early Years Room at 345 Wale Road

Session 3 provides information on how to use the Aansaamb aen kiskayhtaamaahk cultural resources (available to borrow from the CCRR). This includes a description of the resources and suggested opportunities for learning and investigation. These suggestions have been created to align with the B.C. Early Learning Framework. We end by discussing how to collaborate with Métis communities.

Presenter: Metis Nation BC





Felting Fun

Thursday, April 23rd 2026

6:15-8:15pm

In-person - Early Years Room at 345 Wale Road

Come join us in a hands-on adventure of felting. We will explore both wet felting and needle felting and see how these natural fibres can be used in your centre and with children.

Presenter: Melanie Langman

Sooke - West Shore CCRR Community of Practice (continuation) – Art, Creativity and Connection

2nd Thursday of the month

January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9 and May 14, 2026

6:00-8:30pm

In-person - Early Years Room at 345 Wale Rd

This is a continuation from Fall. Gathering in community, and fostering a culture of curiosity, wonder and growth; we will explore topics that are current and present in our various settings while exploring different artistic mediums. We will start the evening connecting over a light meal before delving into the topic of the month. This is a time to share ideas, resources, and gain perspective on any and all situations that may benefit from insight from your peers. This Community of Practice is graciously subsidized by the ECE BC Pro D Bursary.

Registration Link and QR Code for Workshops and Community of Practice (C.o.P.):

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/SookeWestShoreCCRRWorkshops@sfrs.ca/boookings/>



Monday—Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

6672 Wadams Way (Sooke) / 345 Wale Road, Colwood (West Shore)

Evenings: Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:30pm (Sooke)

Saturdays 8:30am-12:30pm (West Shore)

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www.gov.bc.ca/ChildCareResourceReferralCentres or Toll-free: 1 888 338-6622 (Option 4).

