



BC CMAS Update - September 2016

Opportunities for Professional Development:

For the third year, the 2-day Working With Newcomer Children Training was a full. Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to making it such a success!

1. NEW *Caring for Refugee Children Workshop - Dates are still available, contact us!*

Using the current influx of Syrian refugee as a case study, this workshop will increase your knowledge, awareness and ability to welcome refugee families with young children. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the impact of the refugee experience on the child and family, children's core settlement needs, and strategies to support refugee children and parents. Three- and five-hour formats are available. To find out more and sign up for your workshop, contact helencrouch@cmascanada.ca

2. Special Needs Support

Does your team need help with special needs? Contact our special needs consultant, Shanda Burnett at shandaburnett@cmascanada.ca. A consultation or training with Shanda is an excellent way to get support for your program staff and the newcomer children with special needs in your care, and now she can also provide your staff with training during their lunch!

3. Coming Soon: Anaphylaxis and Allergies Quick-Tip Tutorial

Does your team know the 5 steps to follow if a child has a severe allergic reaction? Training, awareness and planning are essential to managing risks and keeping children safe. This 8-minute tutorial will train staff quickly and easily. It includes important information about:

- life-threatening allergies
- what you can do to manage risks
- why training is key
- 5 steps to follow when responding to an allergic reaction
- links to helpful information and resources

Watch your inbox and the website for details!