

What is Southern Vancouver Island Family Child Care Association.....

We are a registered non-profit dedicated volunteer driven Association working to ensure family child care providers from Duncan to Sidney, Sooke to the Gulf Islands have representation regionally, provincially and nationally.

We also encourage family child care providers to join our Association so that they may benefit from meeting monthly to network with their colleagues and find support in an atmosphere of warmth, friendship and understanding.

The Association manages to secure an incredible array of speakers/workshop presenters so that not only is there the opportunity to forge friendships but you will take away with you new knowledge and ideas in keeping your family child care business vibrant and successful.

We have a strong advocacy forum and even as most recent as the distasteful press we received in one of our local magazines the Association responded with a letter to the Editor of the magazine asking for the opportunity to respond to the allegations and to explain the licensing procedures. If you would like to take a look at this letter, please check out our page on the Kids In Victoria website.

Our Association puts on monthly field trips where members bring their daycares for such tours as Goldstream Park for the salmon spawning, Oldfield Orchard for a tour and a tromp through the pumpkin patch, a Christmas party, summer picnic, theme day events held every May in honour of Child Care Month and many others too numerous to mention.

We have a laminator and a photocopier and for a nominal fee you will be able to access these machines to help you with your programming for your business. We also have a book and theme box lending library as well as an extensive resource library. The items may be borrowed for a month at a time and our members find it all very useful.

We often have a table of 'themed' goodies at our meetings for purchase such as Perky the Pumpkin stories, Christmas corsage pins and Valentine tic tac toe games.

For an annual fee of \$75.00 you have the opportunity to attend monthly workshops/seminars, to network and forge new friendships with those in the field, be able to join in on the childcare field trips at a nominal fee (reduced fees charged to large groups and effectively negotiated by our committee members), have a strong voice regionally as well as provincially (your membership includes BC Family Child Care Association) and nationally (which your membership also includes to Canadian Child Care Federation).

What reasons have you got to not join? Still unsure? Then please feel free to come to one of our meetings. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month (except December, July and August) at the North Douglas Pentecostal Church located at 675 Jolly Place, which is near the intersection of Glanford and McKenzie Ave at 7:15pm.

We would love to meet you!

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