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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Alberni Clayoquot Strategic Planning Session.**

The members of the ACHN Planning Committee will be meeting on Thursday Nov. 1st at the Echo Centre Field House to plan the next steps for the health network. Jim Sands from the Social Planning and Research Council of BC will be facilitating our work together.

### **"Feeding Our Next Generations" 5th Annual Traditional Foods Conference Sept. 28th & 29th in Port Alberni!**

Location: Maht Mahs Gym---500 Tsuma-as Dr Port Alberni (Tseshah Reserve)  
Jointly hosted by Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council & Tseshah First Nation.  
Focused on 4 pillars – nutrition, healing, safety and community. To register:  
<http://www.indigenousfoods.ca/>



### **Celebration and release of the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve Region's Vital Signs Report.**

**Tuesday, October 2nd, 4:00 - 5:30 pm**  
316 Main Street, Tofino

The report is a snapshot of our communities in numbers and stories. Bringing together data from a range of sources, the information describes the health of our region in areas that matter to us such as education, youth, environment and housing.



### **Save the date! October 19 2012, 9am to 4pm**

Location: Island Savings Centre/VIU Campus Duncan BC  
A daylong gathering intended to bring people together from across Vancouver Island who are working to build food security through grassroots, non-profits, government, education/research, food production, social enterprise... Check the 'Sustainable Food Vancouver Island Facebook

## **Funding Opportunities:**

### **Healthy Eating:**

**Nutrition Link Services Society** will be awarding grants up to a total of \$14,000 this year to non-profit community groups and agencies whose work is in keeping with our mission: to inform, educate and counsel vulnerable British Columbians in making healthy food choices. The application form can be found at: [www.nutritionlink.org](http://www.nutritionlink.org). Deadline is September 30, 2012

**Canada Safeway Foundation** - The Canada Safeway Foundation supports initiatives that feed, protect and nurture children and families. For more information and details on the application process, visit [their website](#). Click on Community at the bottom of the page and then look on the left of the next page for information on the Foundation.

### **Active Living:**

**SOGO Active Challenge** - Sogo Active is a national initiative, presented by Coca-Cola Canada in collaboration with ParticipACTION, to support and encourage physical activity in Canadians aged 13-19. Sogo Active will give young people across Canada new reasons and new opportunities to get active. Sogo will ask young people to get moving by taking the Sogo Active Challenge, attending Sogo Active Events, and working together to overcome the physical inactivity crisis. Access grants to support youth group activities and events, up to \$500. Find out [more](#)



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**Hosting BC** - Hosting BC provides funding for international, national, provincial or regional level sport events. Organizers can apply for funding for event operational expenses. Events must be sanctioned by the relevant National or Provincial Sport Organization and support the development of athletes. For details on the more information visit [www.hostingbc.ca/resources](http://www.hostingbc.ca/resources)

**Recreation program support**– The BC Recreation and Parks Association and the BC Healthy Living Alliance administer a number of community grants and/or provides resource material for physical activity programs – such as Participaction's SOGO (youth activity program), Everybody Gets to Play. Please visit [www.bcrpa.bc.ca](http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca)

**Community Program Support** - BC Sport Agency has a number of programs that support community sport participation such as the Sport Participation Program, Local Sport Development Fund, and Aboriginal sport grants. For more information visit [www.BCSportAgency.com](http://www.BCSportAgency.com)

**KidSport™**(a Sport BC program) provides assistance (\$150 to \$400 in grants) to families of children in need to help kids participate in local activities they otherwise could not afford to participate in. For information about how to apply, see the KidSport™ section of the Sport BC website <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca>. If your community does not have a local chapter, applications would go to the KidSport BC office (can be contacted through the website link noted).

**Athletics for Kids** - To work diligently and thoughtfully in providing financially disadvantaged youth in the community with greater access to organized sport in conjunction with their academic endeavours. [Athletics for Kids application](#)

**SportChek** – The Power of Sport for Kids – The Power of Sport for Kids program is a not-for-profit organization that provides children who don't have access to sporting equipment the opportunity to play and enjoy sports and activities <http://www.sportchek.ca> (ongoing)

**Healthy Communities:**

**Mountain Equipment Co-op Community Contributions** - MEC's Vision is that Canada will be home to the world's most comprehensive network of parks and protected areas and sustain the world's most outstanding outdoor playground. Self-propelled outdoor activity will be a primary feature of Canadian culture and lifestyle. Grants are available for: Land Acquisitions; Capacity Building's Research; Advocacy and Education; Access Activity; Urban Sustainability. Deadline: March 10 and September 10. <http://www.mec.ca/AST/ContentPrimary/Sustainability/CommunityContributions.jsp>

**BC Ideas: Solutions for Stronger Communities**, is a competition that seeks innovative solutions to health, social and environmental challenges facing BC communities today and in the future. Up to \$100,000 will be awarded to top entries. Deadline: September 12. For more info: [www.changemakers.com/BCideas](http://www.changemakers.com/BCideas).



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**Aviva Community Fund** is giving away \$1,000,000 to projects that create positive change in their communities. The competition opens September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Visit the pre-launch website for more information

[www.avivacommunityfund.org](http://www.avivacommunityfund.org) information go to [www.changemakers.com/BCideas](http://www.changemakers.com/BCideas)

**Multi-culturalism Grants** - To promote the participation and engagement of all cultures across the province, the Province of British Columbia will support communities in honouring the diverse cultures that shape British Columbia [Multiculturalism Grants](#) Application Period #2, Cultural Expression Sector, Capacity Building Sector, Apply from Nov 1, 2013 - Feb 15, 2013

**Early Childhood:**

**Minor Capital Funding for Child Care Facilities** - Funds are now available for licensed Group Child Care, Preschool or Group Child Care School Age child care facilities. Each facility may receive up to \$2,000 for the following expenses: • Emergency upgrades or repairs to existing facilities; Emergency replacement of furnishings and equipment necessary to comply with the Ministry of Health Child Care Licensing Regulation; or • Relocation costs when a child care facility is moving to another location. For more information visit the [Child Care Capital Funding Program website](#)

The **First Nations and Urban Aboriginal Early Childhood Development** Steering Committee is pleased to announce the release of its 2012-2013 Call for Applications for Community Early Childhood Development Projects/ Programs servicing BC First Nations, Urban Aboriginal and Métis children, zero to six years of age. The First Nations and Urban Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Reinvestment Initiative has made a crucial difference to the First Nations, Urban Aboriginal and Métis communities, organizations and children that it serves. Through this Steering Committee, First Nations and Urban Aboriginal ECD networks are now working together for the benefit of our children. Since its inception in 2010, the Reinvestment Initiative has funded over 850 early childhood development projects and programs across the province. Past funding priority areas have included Capital Enhancements, Service Planning and Capacity Building, General Program Enhancements and Language and Culture. <http://fnuaecdsc.ca>

The **MCFD Minor Capital Funding Program** from the Ministry of Children and Family Development has been renewed for 2012-2013! Funds are now available for licensed Group Child Care, Preschool or Group Child Care School Age child care facilities. Each facility may receive up to \$2,000 for the following expenses: Emergency upgrades or repairs to existing facilities; Emergency replacement of furnishings and equipment necessary to comply with the Ministry of Health Child Care Licensing Regulation; or Relocation costs when a child care facility is moving to another location More information: <http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/capital.htm>

## Related News /Resources!

Dennis Raphael, Professor of Health Policy and Management at York University in Toronto summarizes that: “Thousands of accumulated studies have come to the same basic conclusion: The incidence of poverty is a severe — if not the most severe — threat to the health and quality of life of individuals, communities, and societies in ... Canada.”

Read the article here: <http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/120641-premiers-must-remember-poverty-affects-all-canadians-.UBFLFV9RRNq.facebook>

Chronic Diseases and Injuries in Canada: [Patterns of Health Services Utilization in Rural Canada](#) Canadians value ease of access to their health services. Although many studies have focused on accessibility to health services in Canada, few have examined rural-urban differences in this aspect, particularly from a national perspective.

And from the [National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health](#): Take a poll on the [Health Equity Clicks: Community](#) home page to tell which indicators you use to measure health equity and/or report on inequities. [Read the latest blog entry on this topic](#), written by NCCDH Knowledge Translation Specialist **Lesley Dyck**. [Download \*Selecting Population Health Status Indicators To Advance Health Equity\*](#) the newest installment in our [Learning Together series](#) on population health status reporting. Participate in [online conversations](#) on health equity indicators, featuring contributions from **Karen Beckermann**, Manager, Planning & Performance at Toronto Public Health; **Ruby Lam**, Manager, Access & Equity, Toronto Public Health; and **Kemi Odegbile**,