



Board Nominees—2020

Name: Gray, Charlene
Lives In: Comox, BC
Current Job: Senior Manager, Comox Valley Children's Day Care Society
Area of Practice: Center Director, non-profit organization

Education

Program	Educational Institution	Year
ECE Certificate program	North Island College	1990
Infant/Toddler, Special Needs Diploma	North Island College	1999
Early Years Specialization.	Early Years Specialization	2005

Participation in Early Childhood Education Organizations

Position	Association/Organization	Date
Board Member/President	Early Childhood Educators of BC	1999-Present
Member	Canadian Child Care Federation	1999-Present
Member	Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC	2010-Present

Other Community Involvement

Position	Association/Organization	Date
Advisory Committee	\$10 a Day Child Care Plan	2010-Present
Advisory Committee	North Island College ECCE Program	2013-Present
Leadership Team	Comox Valley Early Years Collaborative	2010-Present

Nominee's Statement

Although I didn't know it when I began, I believe my 30-year learning journey has brought me to this place. During my career I have been involved in many community-based, provincial and National initiatives and organizations, including my leadership as President of ECEBC, as an ECEBC Code of Ethics trainer, an original member of the \$10 a Day Child Care Plan and membership on the BC Provincial Child Care Council. This collaborative work both humbles and invigorates me. But I have to say what I am most proud of is that everything I do has remained grounded in my experiences being with and learning from young children, families and teams of educators. I understand how choices made by decision makers and others can have an impact on those embedded in the field, and that any discussion must include them. I respect and understand the diversity that exists provincially and nationally. I also know that my understanding of Indigenous world views and Truth and Reconciliation must continue to expand.

This is an important and challenging time for our field due in part to the pandemic. With greater public and political understanding of the importance of child care, we have reached a tipping point of sorts. Across Canada we have a collective opportunity and responsibility to use our voices to advance our profession and to showcase the value of our work. The CCCF is leading the way and I would consider it an honour to be a part of that.