



## Board Nominees—2020

**Name:** Whitehead, Taya  
**Lives In:** Robson, BC  
**Current Job:** Dean, School of Health & Human Services/Teaching & Learning Institute, Selkirk College  
**Area of Practice:** Dean

### Education

Program	Educational Institution	Year
Early Childhood Care & Education	Selkirk College	1999
BA - Child & Youth Care	UVIC	2002
MA - Interdisciplinary Studies	Athabasca University	2016

### Participation in Early Childhood Education Organizations

Position	Association/Organization	Date
Board Member/Secretary	Canadian Child Care Federation	2013-Present
Board Member/President	Early Childhood Educators of BC	2010-2016
BC Provincial Child Care Council	Government of BC	2019-Present

### Other Community Involvement

Position	Association/Organization	Date
Branch Member	ECEBC West Kootenay	Ongoing
Board Member/Treasurer	Kootenay Family Place	2010-Present
Board Member/Fundraising	WK Timberwolves Lacrosse	2018-Present

### Nominee's Statement

I have been an Early Childhood Educator of 22 years. I completed my initial ECE training at Selkirk College in Castlegar, British Columbia. I have also completed a Diploma in Human Services, a BA in Child and Youth Care from the University of Victoria and a Master's degree from Athabasca University.

My experience is broad, ranging from Group and Infant/Toddler Care to the Supported Child Development Program. I have been an ECCE instructor and am currently the Dean for the School of Health & Human Services at Selkirk College. I am a past president of the ECEBC and volunteer my time in a variety of other capacities locally and provincially.

I have completed two terms on the CCCF Board and am seeking re-election for a third term. The current secretary for CCCF, I believe that I bring a variety of skills and scope of knowledge to the table from a rural BC perspective, as a post-secondary educator. I am a strong team player, eager to be involved and passionate about the sector.

I can support the CCCF in its mission to achieve excellence in early learning and care through my work at a local, provincial and national level. I consider myself first of all an ECE, but also an adult educator

and an advocate. I also have a significant amount of experience with online training and instruction that may be useful as the CCCF explores options for our members.

I am a wife and mother of three children; I live in the rural Kootenay region of British Columbia. I feel that we are at a pivotal point in history where there is opportunity to make great strides in advancing our sector.