



Media Advisory – Dr. Marie Wilson Opening Speaker at Indigenous Early Childhood Conference

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WEST VANCOUVER, BC - COAST SALISH TERRITORY – Dr. Marie Wilson, Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, will open the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) 2016 Provincial Training Conference on Friday, November 11, 2016, at 9:15 a.m. (PST) in the Minoru Ballroom at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, British Columbia.

Dr. Marie Wilson was one of three commissioners of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. She has more than 30 years of professional experience as an award-winning journalist.

Over the years she has worked with various boards and agencies committed to social justice, journalism and civic engagement, community, spiritual and international development, and the wellbeing of children and youth.

We anticipate delegates will receive an inspiring speech with thoughtful discourse on culture and healing and an understanding of the deep impact that having access to quality Indigenous early learning and child care can have on our communities.

BCACCS is a provincial organization that provides support services, professional development and resources that foster the well-being of Aboriginal children birth to six years old, and their families in all five regions of BC. Today, BCACCS directly trains more than 800 early childhood educators and caregivers annually and provides resources, research, policy analysis, and professional workshops. BCACCS is recognized across Canada as the only designated Aboriginal childcare resource and referral program (Aboriginal CCRR) in the country.

Schedule of Morning Welcome November 11, 2016	
8:30—9:15 a.m	Prayer
	Welcome to the Territory
	Opening words from BCACCS Board President, Mary Teegee
9:15—10:00 a.m.	Keynote speaker: Dr. Marie Wilson
10:00—10:10 a.m.	Reminders, delegates head for break
10:30 a.m.	Workshops (B) begin

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More info about BCACCS: [Link to BCACCS website](#)

Media wishing to cover this event are asked to confirm their attendance with Karen Isaac, BCACCS Executive Director, karen@acc-society.bc.ca, 778-229-7586.